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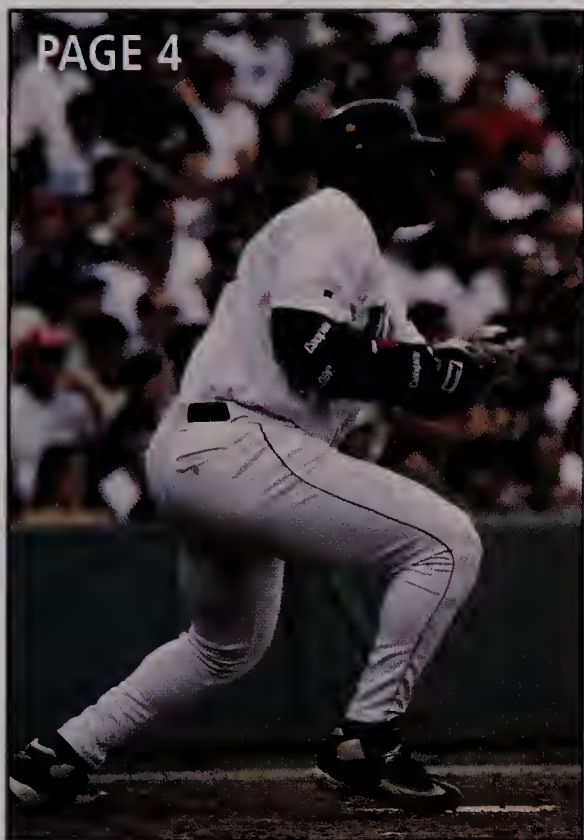
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POISED FOR THE PLAYOFFS

Red Sox Veterans Provide Leadership and Performance for the Post-Season Run

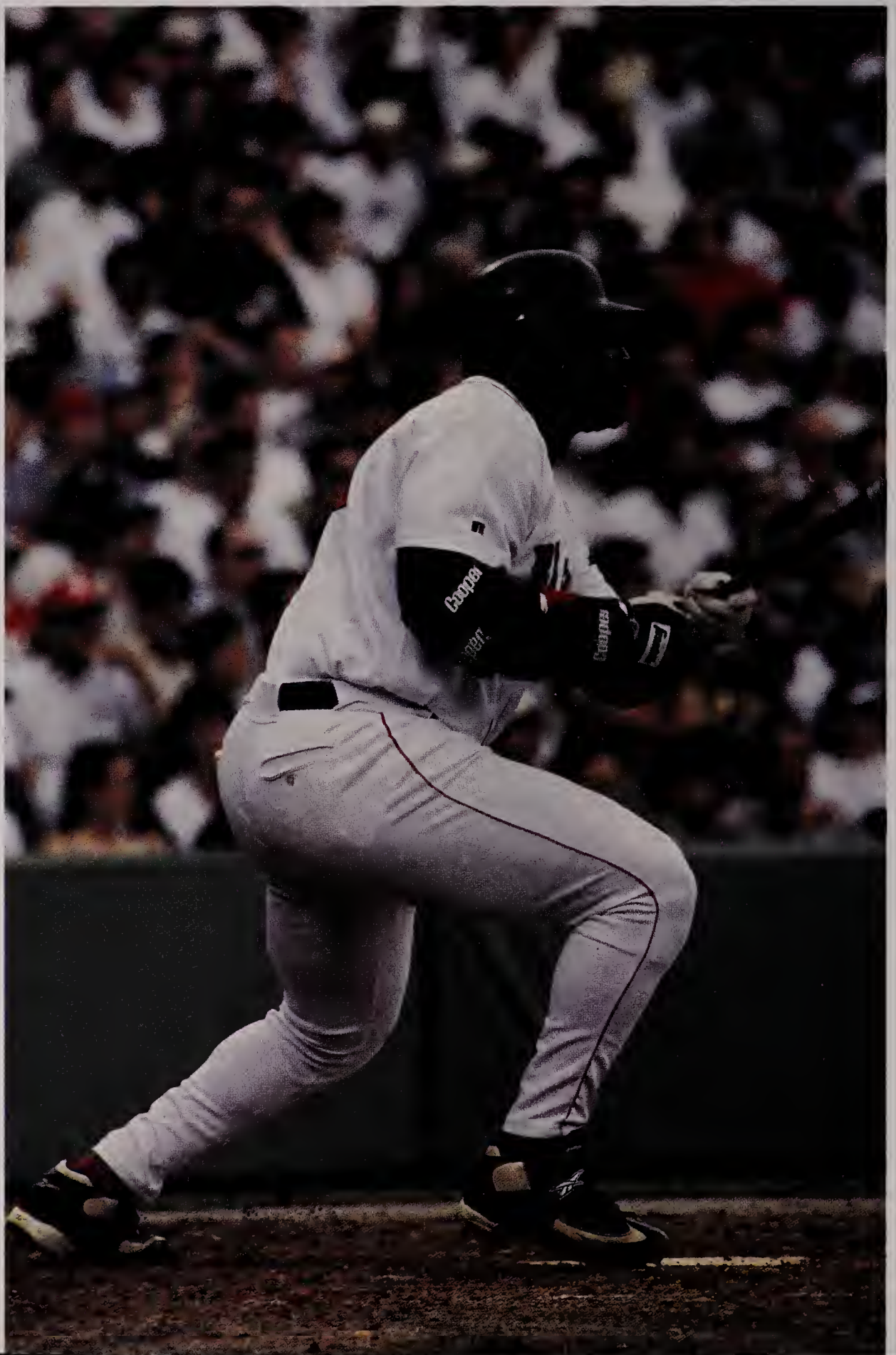
For Mo Vaughn, it's about redemption. For John Valentin, it's an opportunity to build on a solid playoff performance that came hard on the heels of a breakthrough year. For Boston's other major post-season veterans — Tim Wakefield, Bret Saberhagen, Dennis Eckersley and Steve Avery — this year's October run represents a chance to recreate the glories of their post-season past.

Pedro will be pivotal and Flash will be a factor, but history says that the post-season fortunes of the '98 Sox will probably ride largely on the performance and leadership provided by those who have been there before. At the top of the list will be Vaughn, the 1995 MVP who has waited three long years for a chance to erase the memory of his post-season debut when Boston was swept in three games by the Tribe.

"In the playoffs, teams are really set up to stop certain people," Vaughn explains. "In that series, the Cleveland Indians had made up their mind that they were not gonna let me beat 'em. They were changing counts and patterns — every fastball count became a change-up count, and basically they wanted me to get myself out. I talked to Edgar Martinez about this, and Cleveland did the same thing to him [in the ALCS that followed] in Seattle. I don't think I was ready for that."

The discrepancy between Vaughn's regular-season performance and his post-season numbers could hardly have been greater. After leading the Sox into the playoffs with

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39 home runs and 126 RBI to go with a .300 average, Vaughn went 0 for 14 with seven strikeouts against Cleveland. This year, his regular-season numbers are similar or better to the '95 figures in virtually every offensive category, and he indicates that the discrepancy may not be nearly as large this time around.

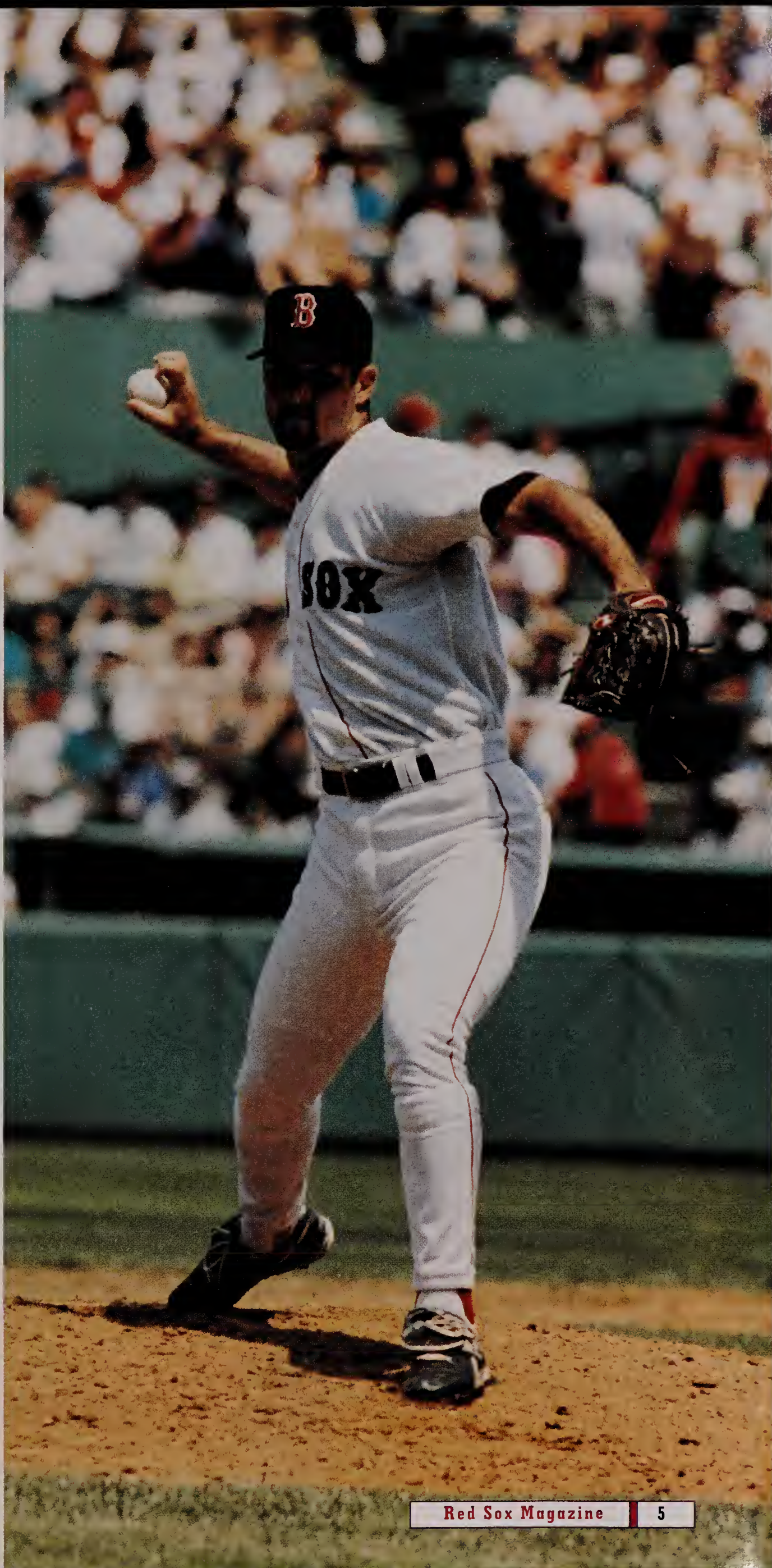
"I've been preparing myself for that mentally since the All-Star break," says Vaughn, "my approach to the playoffs, how different it is, is that you have to be as sharp as you can be, because you have to adjust your game at times. You've got to become more precise in your offensive approach. You have to work the count and just hit the ball where it's pitched and not try to do anything extra, because hitting home runs comes off the mistake of the pitcher. I think I was trying to force the situation, to do something dynamic, and that's a situation where you really have to let it come to you."

John Valentin faced a similar challenge in the first round of the '95 playoffs. After a career year in which he hit .298 with 27 HR and 103 RBI, Valentin broke through in a big way in Game 1, when he parlayed a change in strategy into a home run off Dennis Martinez.

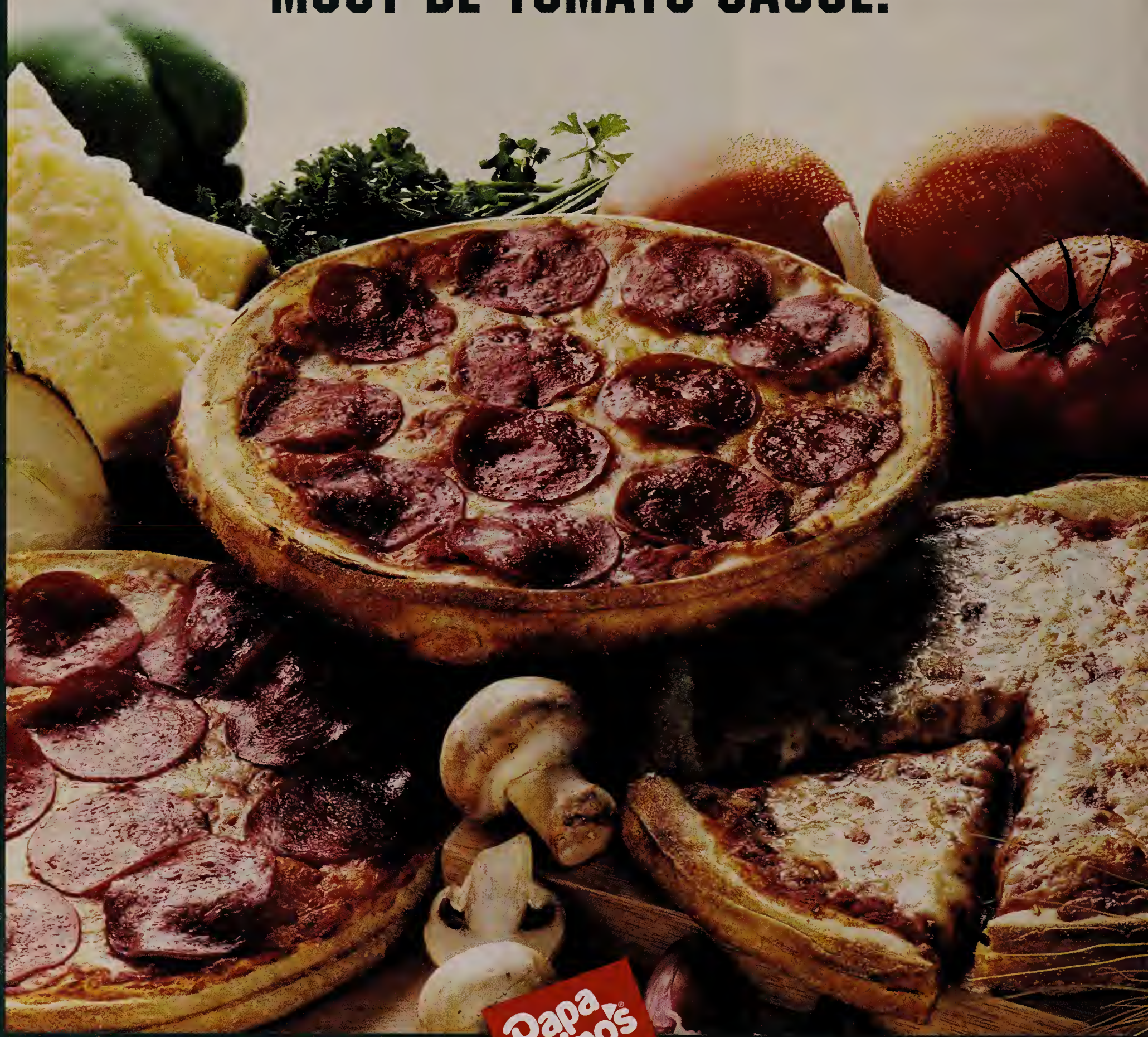
"It's really a chess match when you're in the playoffs," he states. "You're going against a pitcher who obviously knows your weaknesses, and you know how he's going to pitch. You have to stay with your strengths, and hopefully he makes mistakes, or you can go after the area where you know he's going to pitch. That's a decision you have to make."

"Against Cleveland, Dennis Martinez pitched me pretty well during the season, but

Tim Wakefield views his first post-season encounter as a learning experience.



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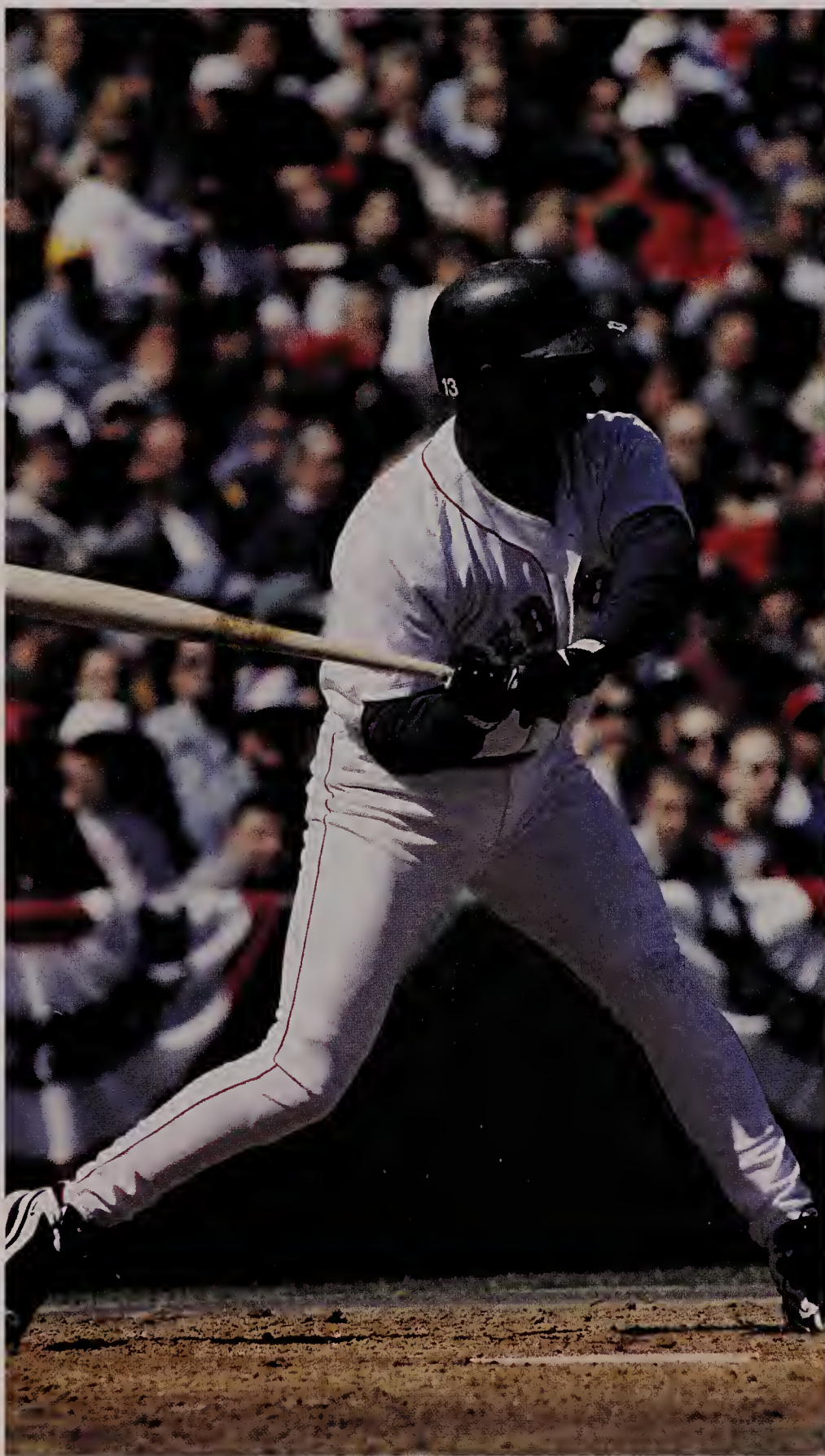
"We used a lot of players [in 1995]," says Valentin. "That year we had a lot of heroes. This year the lineup seems to be more set, and everybody understands their role. We started to play well as a group in spring training, the chemistry was good, and we came together as a group."

I kind of had an idea what he was going to do, and I ended up hitting a home run in Cleveland to right field. It was more looking in a certain area. I pretty much set him up."

Valentin and Vaughn both agree that this year's club is set up well for the post-season run. The keys, according to the two veterans, are a more stable lineup, better defense, and a tougher mental makeup.

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Vaughn offers a slightly different take on the club's defensive capabilities, adding a psychological spin to his evaluation. "The difference is that we're not playing with a lot of household names," he states. "Back then, we had Jose Canseco, we were a very flashy team, we hit a lot of home runs, we had great size and physical presence. This



John Valentin cites a good chemistry as a key factor in this year's team success.

year, it's like we've got the no-name defense, and we play together very well. This is the most mentally tough team I've been on."

While Vaughn and Valentin are the veterans with playoff experience who have been in Boston the longest, there's plenty of veteran post-season leadership from other quarters. Tim Wakefield started his playoff career as a wunderkind for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1992, winning a pair of games against the Atlanta Braves in the NLCS. Even though Wakefield lost his only Red Sox playoff start in '95, he made many pivotal contributions to the playoff run that year, and the experience gave him a better sense of what it takes to win in October.

"It's a learning process," Wakefield says of his playoff initiation. "When I was in Pittsburgh, I didn't know how to prepare, so I basically prepared the way I prepared during the season. I just wanted to keep my concentration as high as possible and keep the team in the game as long as possible, and I was sharp by the time the playoffs came around. Since then, I've learned a lot about how important it is to have your concentration at its best and have your game at peak at the time."

"In '95 it was a different story. When we won the AL East, we had such a long time [before the playoffs started] when we clinched. Everybody expected to just turn it on when the playoffs started, and it doesn't happen

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— Bret Saberhagen

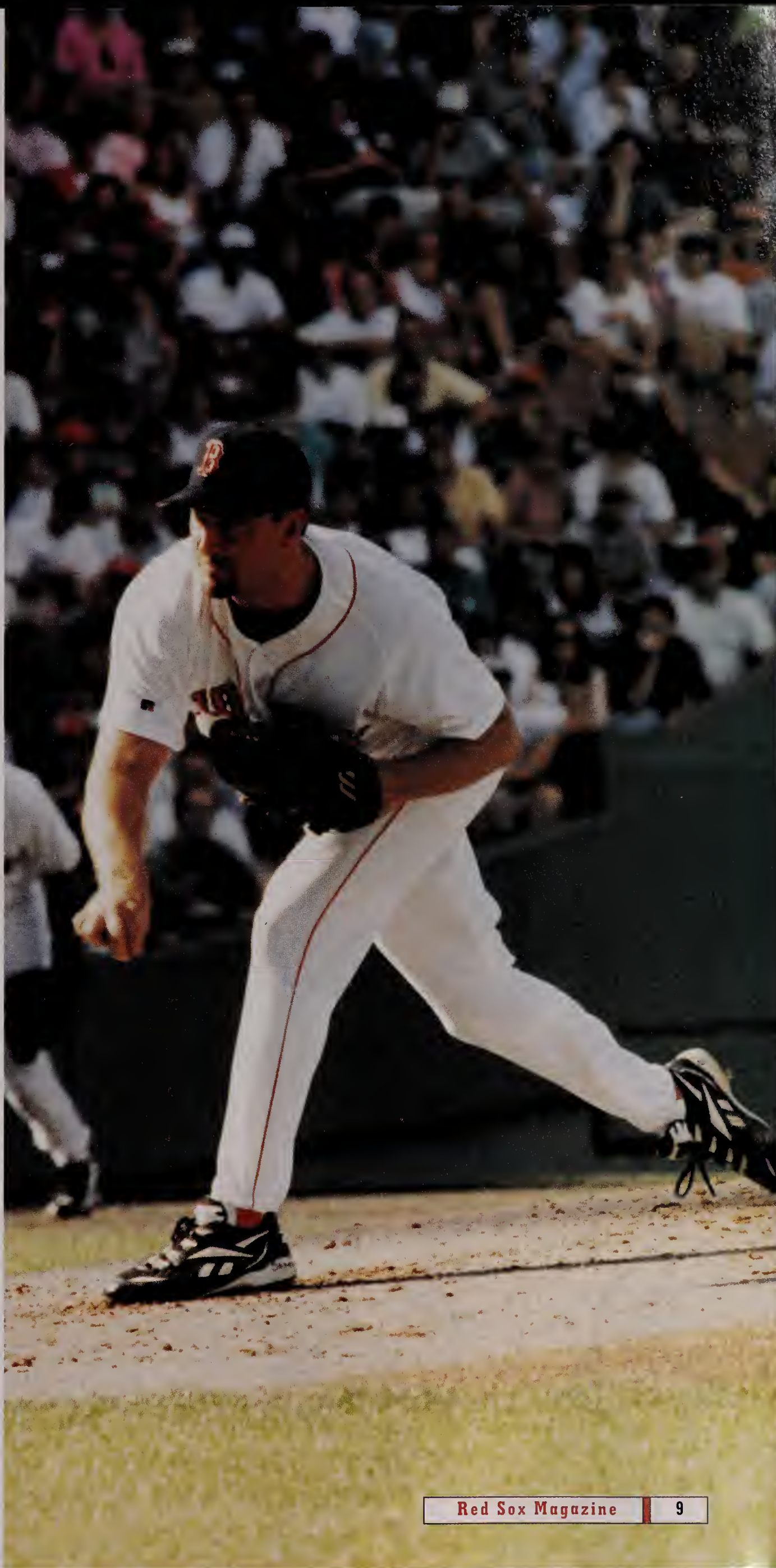
that way. You can’t just turn it on and off, and that’s something we need to deal with as a team. Going in, you have to stay as sharp as possible in everything you do.”

Few pitchers were as sharp (or as young) in their first post-season appearances as Bret Saberhagen. At the age of 20 he became the youngest LCS starter in 1984 for the Royals, when he allowed just two earned runs in eight innings in his first start against the Tigers. Saberhagen built on that experience the following year, posting two World Series victories against St. Louis in 1985, including a Game 7 shutout, while on the way to winning the Cy Young Award.

“I came into it not really knowing there was any difference, just expecting to win,” says Saberhagen. “It just seemed like we were going to be in the post-season forever, first season, second season, winning the World Championship.”

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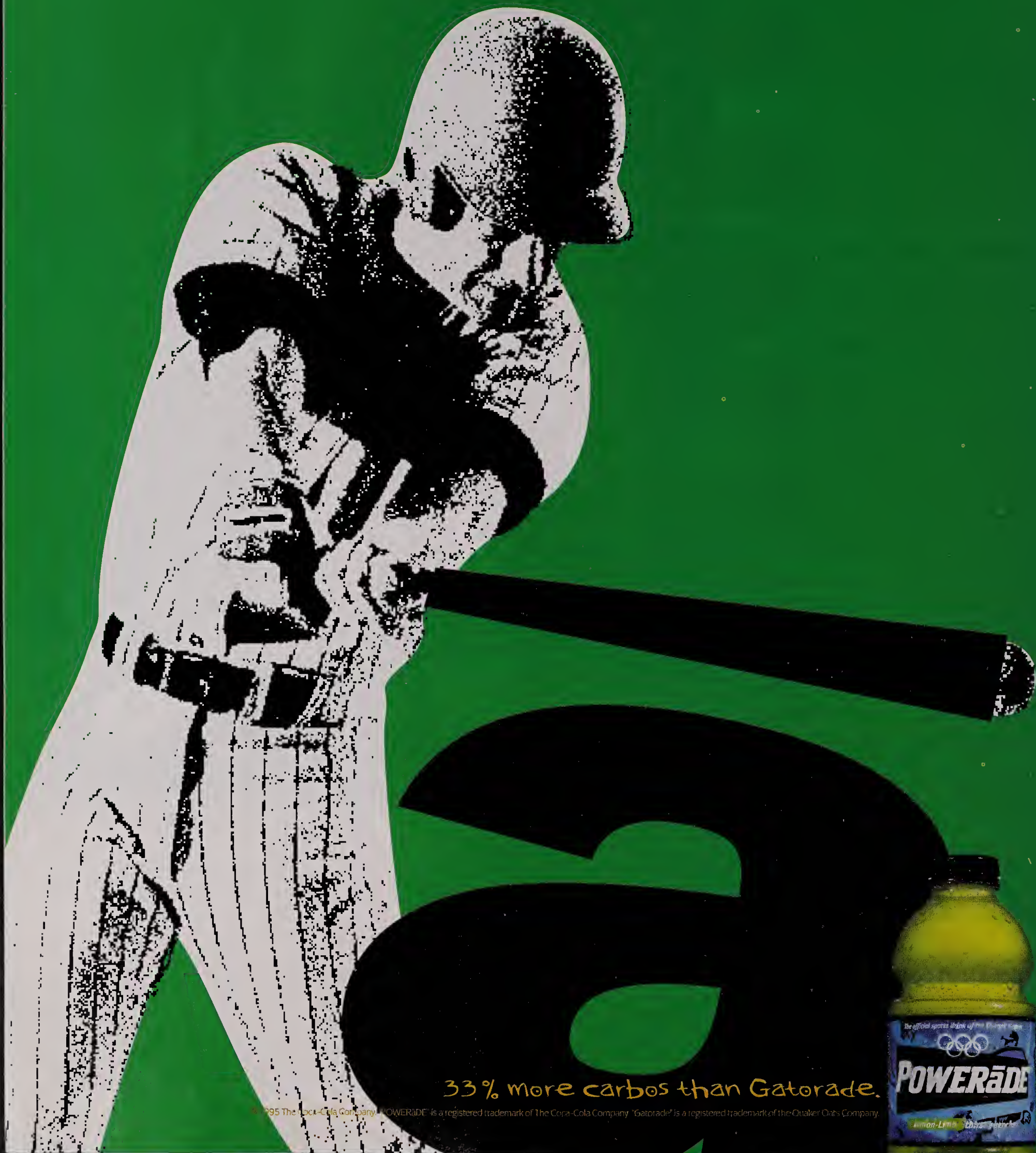


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Saberhagen did return to the playoffs in 1995, making a start for the Colorado Rockies against the Atlanta Braves in the Division Series. Ironically, the same shoulder injury that hindered him in that start eventually led him to Boston, where the Red Sox gave him an opportunity to rehab and return to the rotation. In his comeback role as the number three starter, Saberhagen, who has been consistently solid and occasionally spectacular, posted a double-digit victory total for the first time in four years.

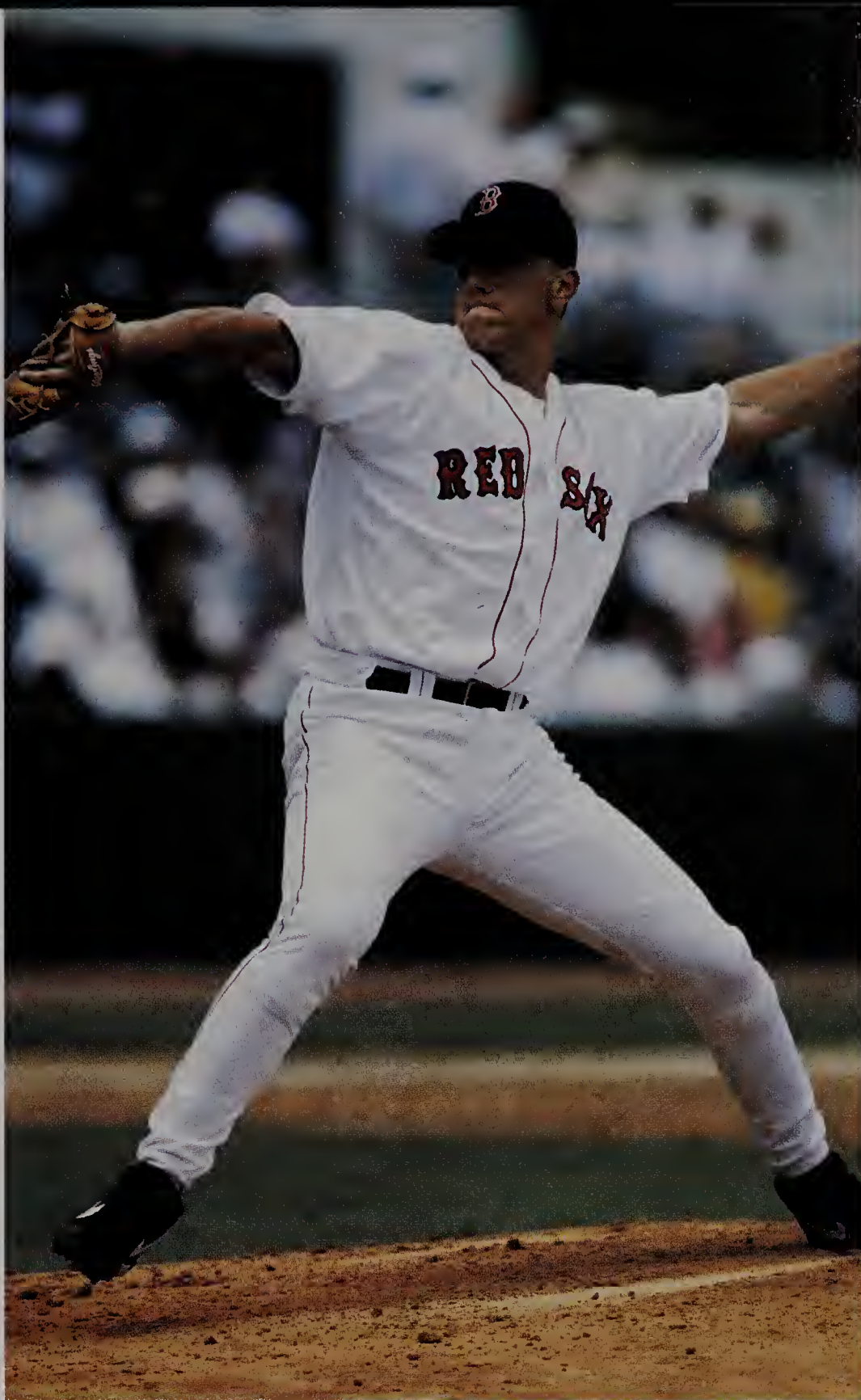
What may change for Saberhagen in this year's playoffs is the length of his outings. To ensure his availability in October, the Sox have kept Saberhagen on a relatively short lease, with the duration of his starts usually limited to the inning in which his pitch count hits triple digits. Now that fall has rolled around, Saberhagen may want to test his limits a bit.

"That's up to the pitching coach and manager," says Saberhagen. "I'm sure that they don't want to overuse me so I'll be ready for the next start. If I'm pitching well, and it's the later part of the game, and I'm doing well, and I don't have too many pitches, I expect to be out there a little longer. I'd like to go a little further. When it's all on the line, you can't be concerned with going out there and doing too much and saying I might get hurt."

Avery is yet another Red Sox import who has successfully battled back from injury. Using an altered release point to overcome the lingering effects of a rib cage muscle pull, Avery has

also been a solid, reliable starter. His struggles during the past two seasons make it easy to forget the phenomenal success he had in his first post-season appearance in 1991, when he pitched 16 consecutive scoreless innings for the

adjustment after you've started for a while," he says. "But I think at [this] time of year everyone kind of gives up on their own personal well-being and tries to do what's best for the team. If I get a start that'd be great...it's



Steve Avery is ready to assume his post-season role, whatever the circumstances.

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Atlanta Braves against Wakefield's Pirate teammates, winning two 1-0 games in the process. For that performance, he was named the MVP of the NLCS.

Ironically, the 27-year-old Avery indicates that his own inexperience may have played an important part in his success. "I don't think you really know what to expect until you go through it," he says. "I think the younger you are, the easier it is, you don't realize how much you're doing. The first thing you know, the season's over, you're playing, and it just seems like additional games, but the older you get, the more you realize how important it is.

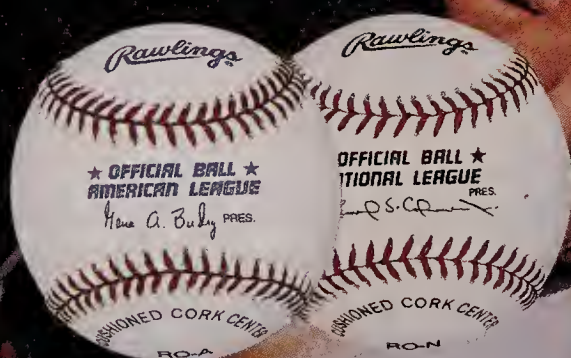
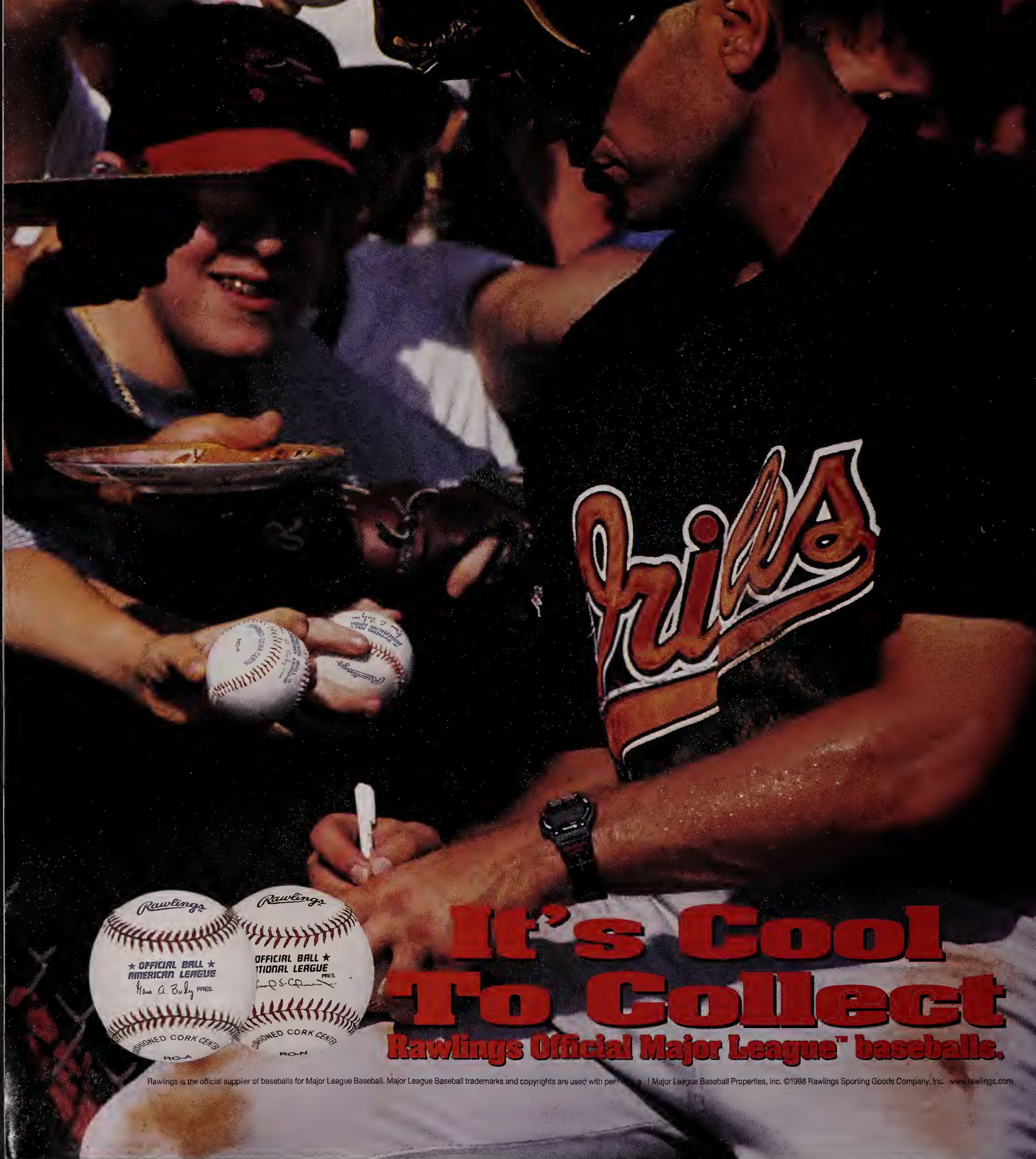
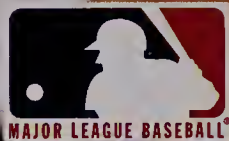
"It might help you to be a little loose, maybe the more intense players, the more serious players, get so intense. They don't let natural talent take over. Guys who are loose realize that it's a fun thing to do, a kid's dream to play in the playoffs and World Series. I think if you approach it that way you'll be successful."

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been an up and down year for me, I started out in the pen, but I've had some good success since then."

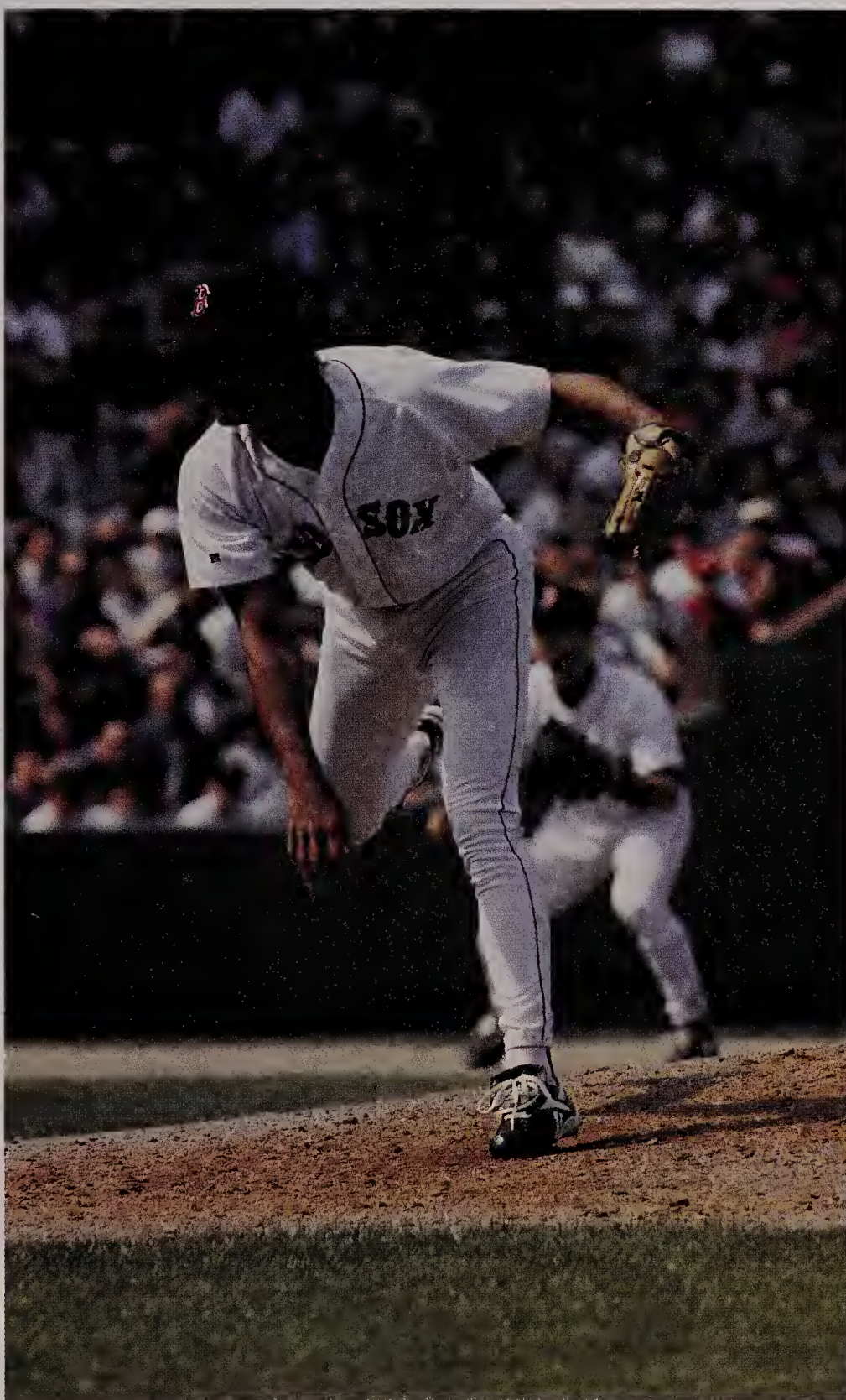
Dennis Eckersley, of course, brings a long and successful track record to the post-season dance. During his 23-year career, Eckersley has had the best and the worst of the playoff experience, from closing out Game 4 when the A's swept the Giants in the 1989 World Series to the fatal Kirk Gibson homer that started Oakland's downfall against the Dodgers in the Series the year before. Before those highlights and lowlights, though, Eckersley made his playoff debut as a starter for the Chicago Cubs when they squared off against the San Diego Padres in the 1984 NLCS.

"I didn't realize how intense it is and how much more pressure there is," he remembers. "You think there isn't, but you have to get there to feel it, so there is something to be said for experience. I know the next time I came into it, it didn't seem as if there was as much pressure, but at the same time there was more pressure, because I was closing."

If Avery represents the relaxed, loose, "Dr. Jekyll" approach to playoff pressure, Eckersley could be considered Boston's Mr. Hyde antithesis. "I'm aggressive," he says, eyes gleaming as his game face suddenly appears. "When I get nervous, I get really aggressive, and that seems to work for me. Aggressive not necessarily trying to throw as hard as

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A veteran of six post-seasons, Dennis Eckersley is aware of the importance of an entire team effort.

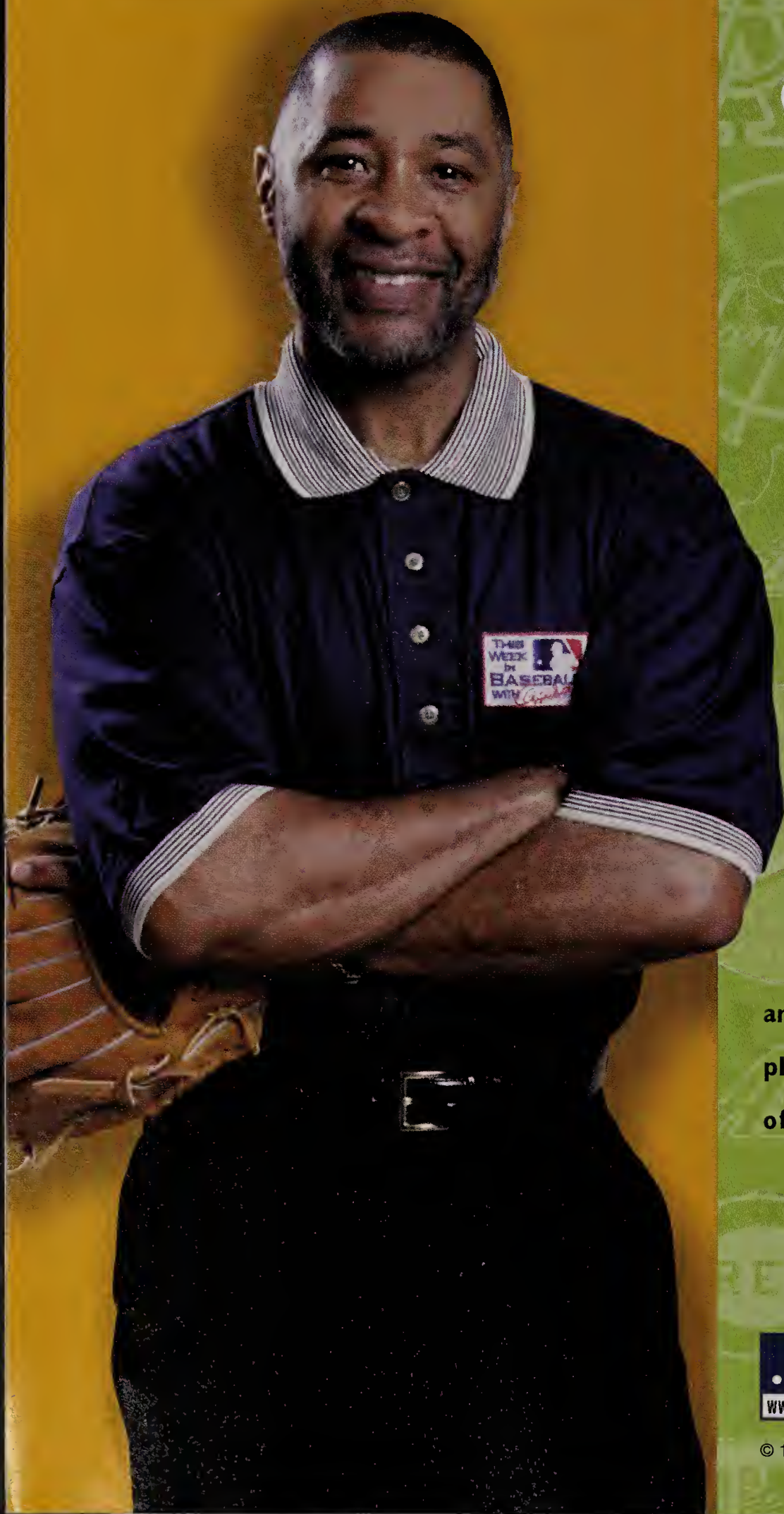
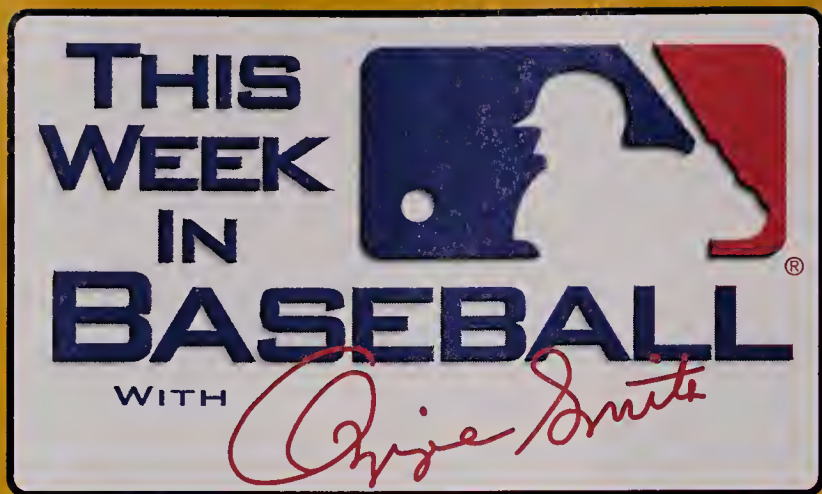
you can, but just an aggressive feeling and approach - that's what I try to do when I get really uptight."

Eckersley indicates that he's a bit more relaxed in his new role as a setup man, largely because there's almost always someone following him out of the bullpen after his normal inning of work. After pitching in virtually every other possible role during his long career, the Eck has made some interesting adjustments to his latest incarnation as a reliever.

"I throw more breaking balls," he states simply. "Because it's almost like I've become a specialist. When I come into the game, there's usually a right-handed hitter up, so I find myself throwing more breaking balls. You'd think I was a breaking ball pitcher the way I was pitching, but you do what you have to do. Hopefully the timing's good for me, because I missed two months, but my arm feels really good, so maybe I can contribute when it really, really matters."

To get another chance to do it with the game on the line, Eckersley knows that everyone else on the club will also have to contribute. Given his playoff history, he's uniquely qualified to judge what's required over the course of a post-season run.

"I think you need the whole club, especially in a seven-game series," he summarizes. "Not necessarily on the field, but off the bench, whether it's that one key knock, a pinch hit or whatever. A five-game series is weird — with five you can get two good starts, Pedro could go out and shut 'em out twice. That's wishful thinking, but it could happen. You don't need as many [contributions], but for the most part you're gonna need everybody." ■

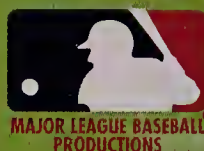


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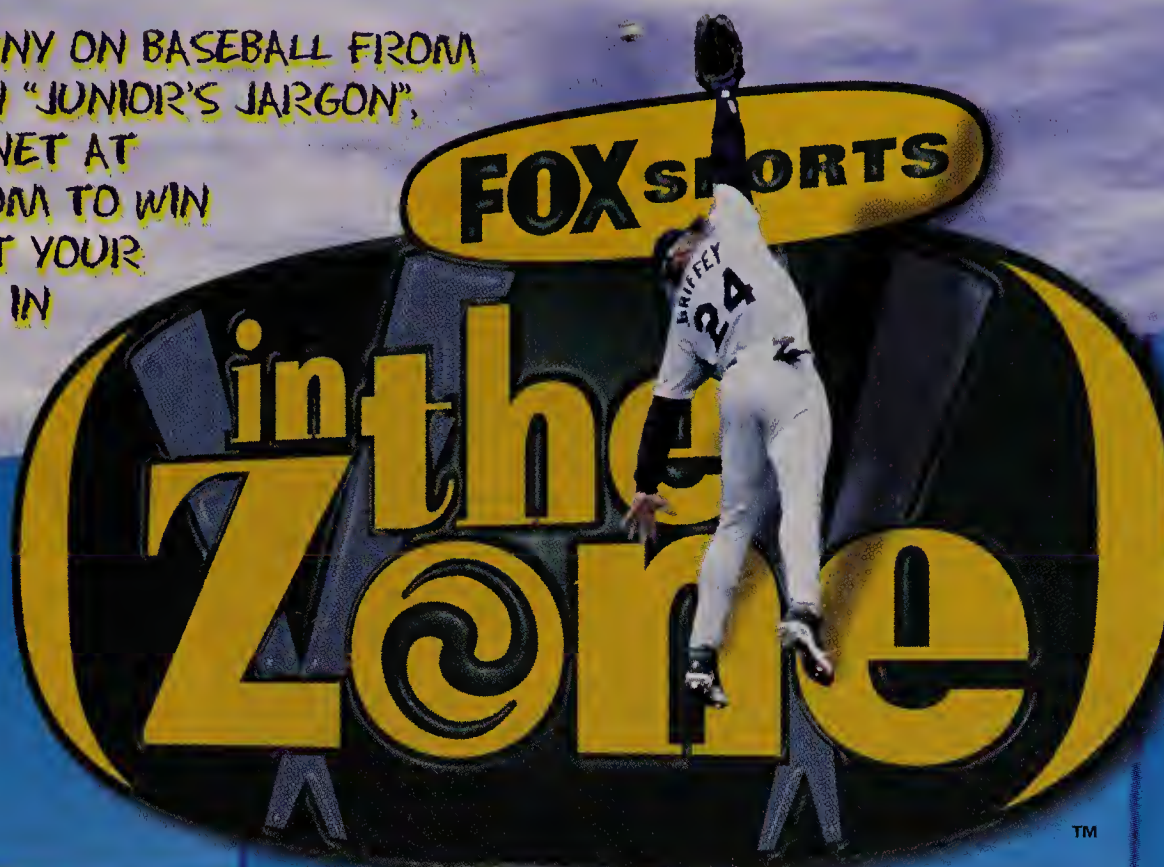
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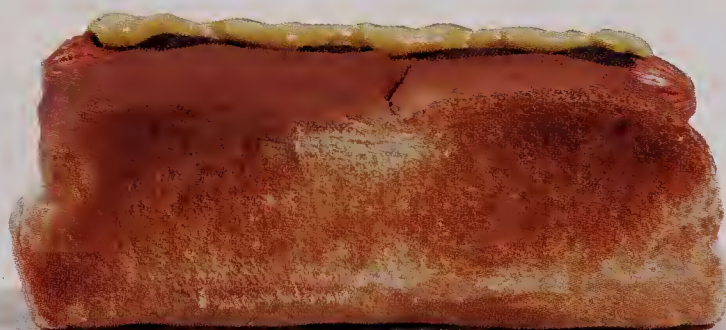
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But if this season has taught us one thing, it's that these Red Sox cannot be sold short. With Manager Jimmy Williams pushing the buttons, they've sneered at late-inning deficits, held their own against the stiffest competition and made believers out of those who said it couldn't be done.

General Manager Dan Duquette had visions of success last fall. He proclaimed the team to be "back in business" when it acquired pitching ace Pedro Martinez from the Montreal Expos in November. Duquette vowed the '98 Red Sox would be competitive, but that was before the end of April when injuries made it clear the team would have to make do without starting pitcher Butch Henry and veteran infielders Jeff Frye and Tim Lincecum.

When the team headed west to open the season in Oakland, there were still more questions than answers.

How would the pitching hold up behind Martinez? In particular, how much mileage could the Sox expect from Bret Saberhagen and his rebuilt shoulder? How would Tom Gordon adapt to the closer's role, and how might Dennis Eckersley fit in? Could the

defensively-improved outfield, with newcomers Darren Lewis and Damon Buford, produce enough runs? How would the second base situation shake out, and what was going on behind the plate, where the emergence of rookie Jason Varitek had reduced Jim Leyritz to part-time DH?

The initial West Coast trip provided few answers. Martinez was masterful in the season opener, tossing seven shutout innings and striking out 11 in a 2-0 win at Oakland. Boston also won the next night behind Tim

But if this season has taught us one thing, it's that these Red Sox cannot be sold short. With Manager Jimmy Williams pushing the buttons, they've sneered at late-inning deficits, held their own against the stiffest competition and made believers out of those who said it couldn't be done.

Wakefield and a second straight save from Gordon. But the Sox dropped two of three in Seattle and scored a grand total of three runs in being swept by the Angels. They returned to Boston with a 3-5 record.

Then, the magic began to happen.

The Sox had been dominated by Randy Johnson for eight innings in their home opener. They trailed 7-2, going to the bottom of the ninth, when four Seattle pitchers failed to produce an out. Mo Vaughn's grand slam against lefty Paul Spoljaric capped the uprising which led to a 9-7 win.

The next day, Martinez spun a two-hit shutout. Boston then swept the Mariners with another ninth-inning comeback. This time, Leyritz tied the game with a home run, and Reggie Jefferson produced the winning hit, both against ex-Sox closer Heathcliff Slocumb.

It's worthwhile noting Slocumb. His trade to Seattle last July 31 brought the Red Sox two key contributors, Varitek and pitcher Derek Lowe. Varitek's impressive spring training earned him the right to platoon with Scott Hatteberg behind the plate. Lowe became an important contributor, stepping into the starting rotation when needed, but doing his best work as a middle-inning reliever.

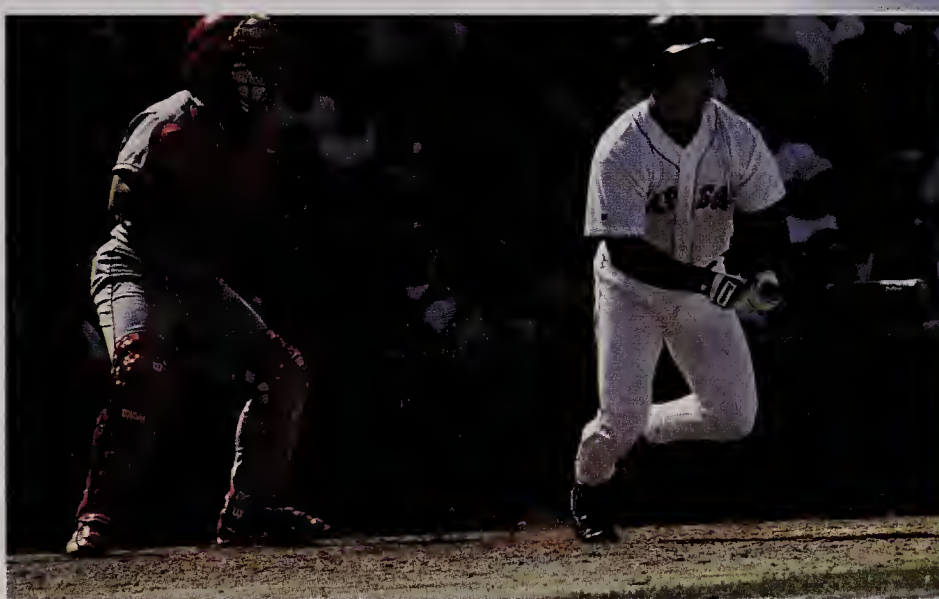
Oakland followed Seattle into Fenway and fell victim to Boston's late-inning heroics. After Saberhagen won the series opener, the A's scored four runs in the eighth inning to take a 6-5 lead in the second game. No matter. Nomar Garciaparra responded with a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth and the Sox won, 8-6. The next night, Boston had two outs and the bases empty in the ninth when John Valentin doubled. Troy O'Leary followed with his third hit of the game, producing a 4-3 win.

Duquette envisioned big things from O'Leary when the Sox signed him to a four-year contract last winter. O'Leary responded with 14 home runs by the All-Star break (he'd never hit more than 15 in the majors) and proved his ability to hit left-handed pitching. When he stroked his 22nd homer, it was the most by a Sox outfielder since Dwight Evans in 1987. Jimmy Williams never had to think twice about who to pencil in as his left fielder.

The Sox then took three out of four from the playoff-bound Cleveland Indians. Darren



Donnie Sadler



Darren Bragg



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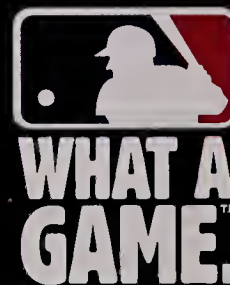
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Season in Review, cont.

Bragg's 10th-inning hit won the opener. After blowing two leads the next afternoon, the Sox came back to ride six shutout innings from Saberhagen to a 2-0 win on Sunday. On Patriots Day, Boston completed its 9-1 homestand with another dramatic victory. A ninth-inning homer by Leyritz kept it alive for Vaughn to win, 6-5, with an 11th-inning single.

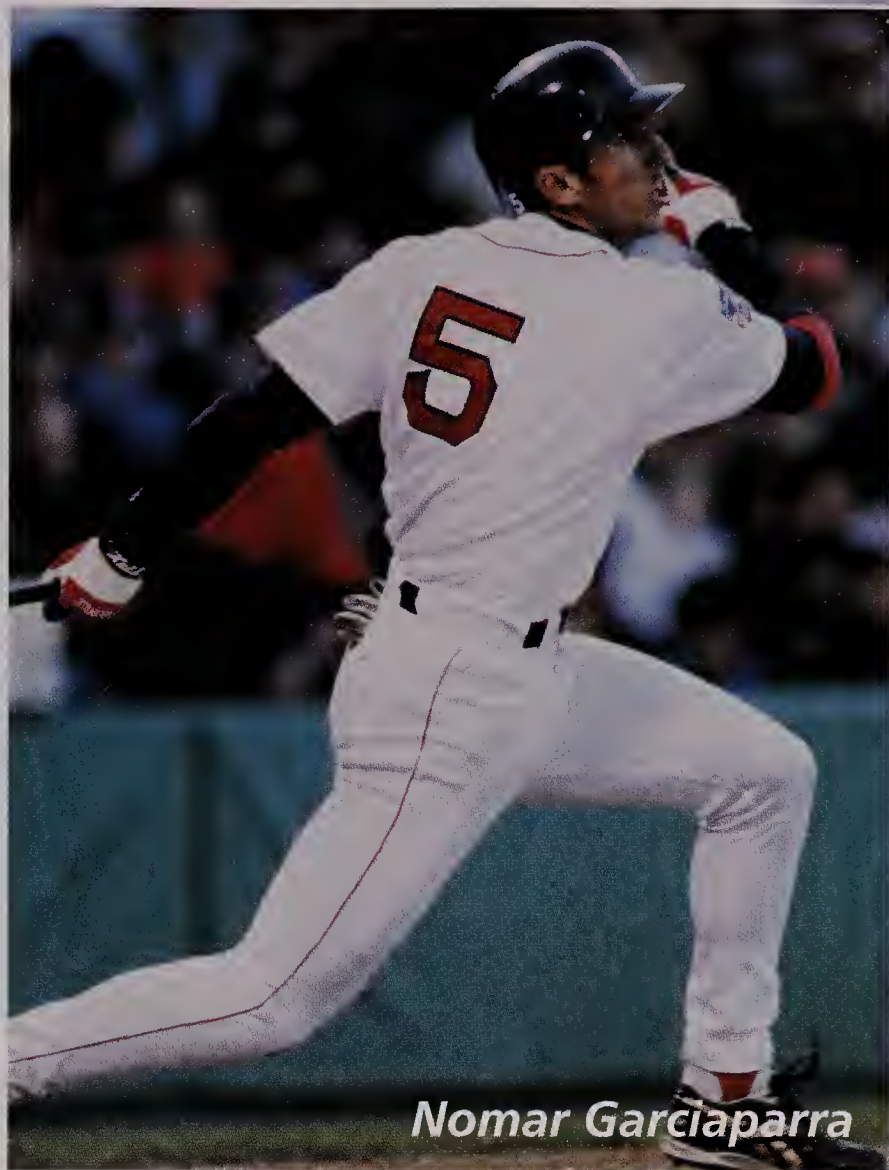
Heroics came from all corners. In Detroit, Midre Cummings homered as the Sox rallied for four runs in the ninth to trip the Tigers, 8-5. In Cleveland, Jefferson and Hatteberg homered and Gordon stranded the tying run at third base for a 3-2 win. Returning home, the Sox made it 14 wins in 15 games with another heart-stopper on April 27. Cummings tied it with a pinch-hit homer in the eighth, and Lewis beat the Tigers, 6-5, with his first home run in a Red Sox uniform — a 314-footer which stayed inside the right-field foul pole.

Lewis became a true catalyst, inheriting the lead-off spot in May. Renowned for his Gold Glove defense, he provided the Sox with speed (by mid-September he had 26 of the team's 66 stolen bases) and surprising production with seven homers and a career-high 61 RBI through mid-September. The Sox got Lewis for his defense, but what they got was a whole lot more.

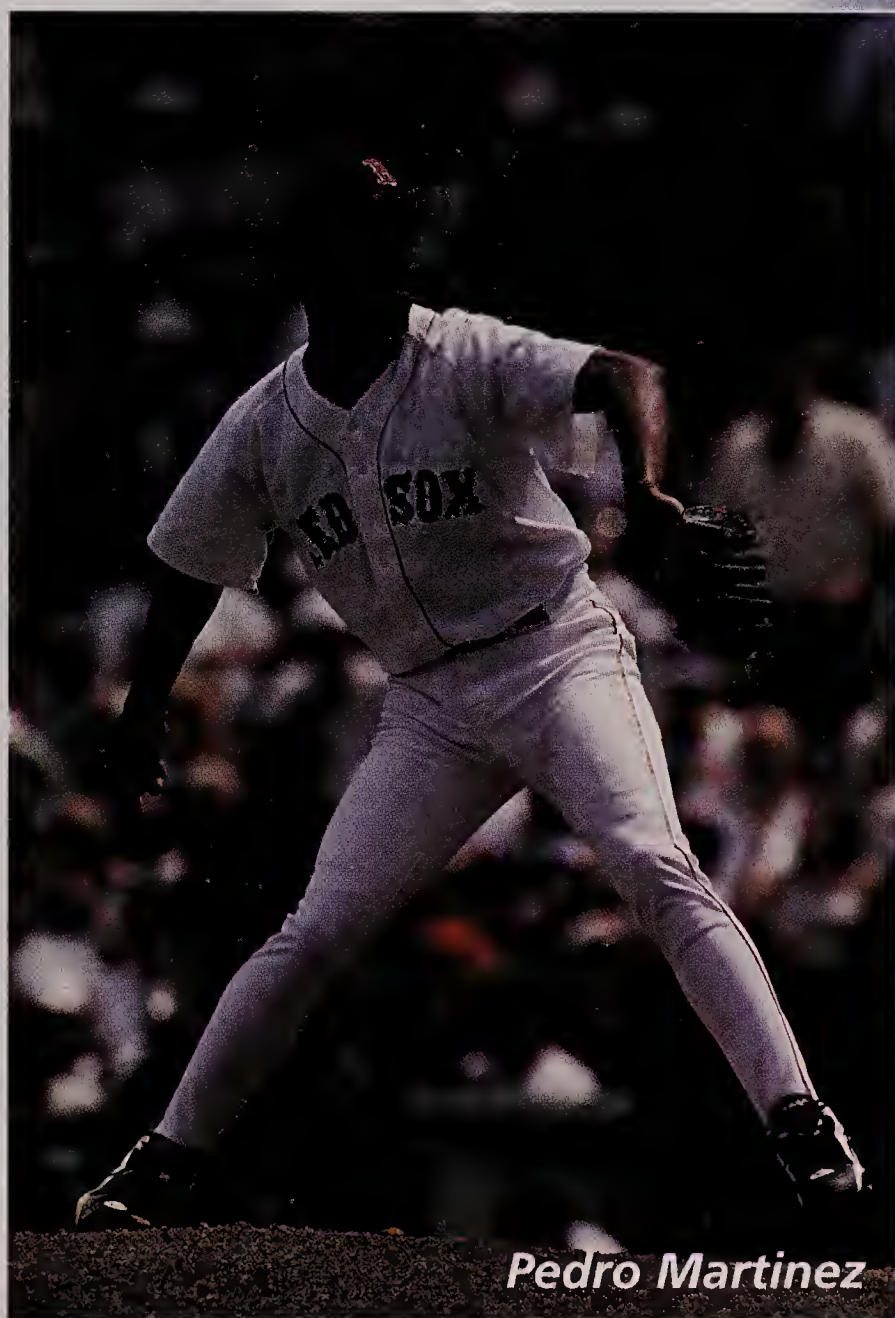
The Red Sox won a team-record 18 games in April, eight of them on their final at-bat, and the success story continued on May 1. Homers by O'Leary and Bragg helped Boston pin a 5-3 defeat on Texas and ex-teammate Aaron Sele, who had started the season 6-0.

Boston wasn't winning with timely hitting alone. It was clear the Sox had dramatically improved their defense after leading the league in errors in 1997. Vaughn was scooping everything he could reach at first base, and the outfield was getting to balls like none in recent memory.

Sometimes players were going above and beyond — way beyond. Take Bragg, who went tumbling into the right-field seats, head-first, to take a home run away from Minnesota's David Ortiz on May 6. It was just one of numerous highlight-reel catches turned in by Sox outfielders.



Nomar Garciaparra



Pedro Martinez

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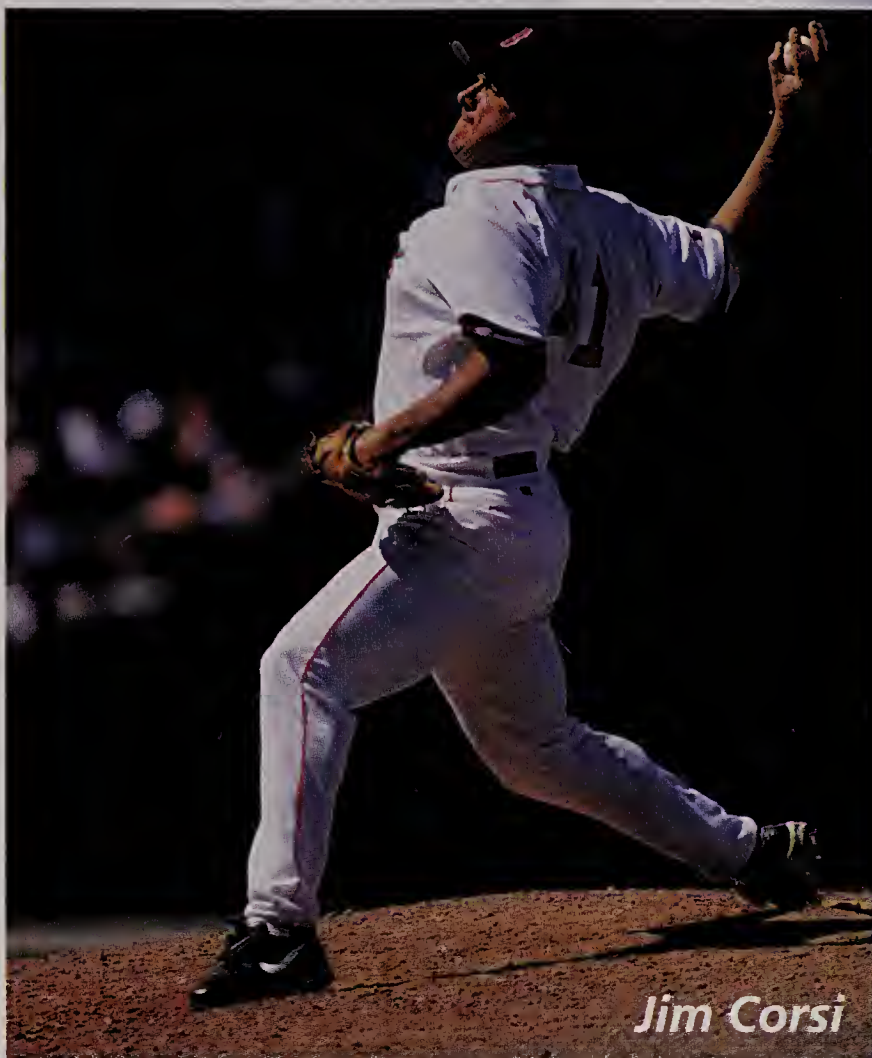
GarciaParra trashed the supposed "Sophomore Jinx." Wherever he hit in the lineup — first, third, cleanup — he produced. By September he had become just the fifth player in major league history to hammer 30 homers in each of his first two seasons. As the '98 season drew to a close, GarciaParra was in the top 10 in the league in batting, hits, total bases, extra-base hits and RBI.

GarciaParra did have one setback. On May 8, he injured his shoulder, diving for a ground ball in Kansas City. Although GarciaParra landed on the disabled list with a sprained AC joint, there was a silver lining. The Sox called up infielder Lou Merloni, and the kid from Framingham became an immediate contributor.

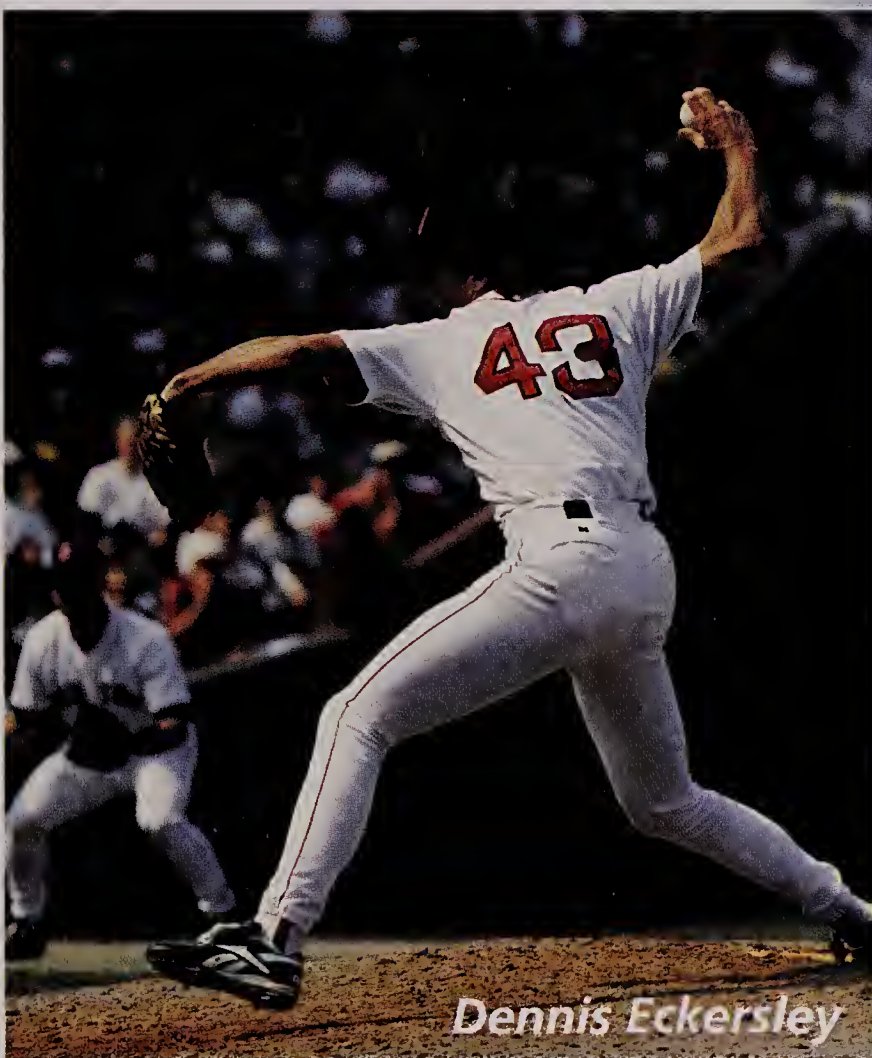
On May 15, Merloni homered in his first Fenway at-bat. The memorable moment capped a five-run second inning. With Wakefield pitching, the Sox beat the Royals, 5-2, ending a four-game losing skid.

There always seemed to be one dark cloud above the Red Sox this season — specifically about their second basemen. Frye suffered a knee injury during spring training and was lost for the season. Duquette signed veteran Mark Lemke to replace him. Lemke supplied errorless defense for 31 games and was just finding his batting stroke when a basepath collision led to a season-ending concussion on May 19. Merloni was enjoying a storybook rookie season until a leg injury ended his year on June 19. That left veteran Mike Benjamin, with help from rookie Donnie Sadler, to man the position. Benjamin exceeded all expectations, posting career highs in numerous categories, including games played and RBI. Sadler, the team's opening day second baseman, showed remarkable improvement when he was recalled in mid-season.

The Red Sox compiled a 28-16 record before playing their first A.L. East opponent on May 22. Wakefield beat the fast-starting New York Yankees, 5-4, with Gordon picking up his 18th save in 45 games. The Yankees dispensed a dose of reality the next two days, however, whacking the Sox, 12-3, and, 14-4.



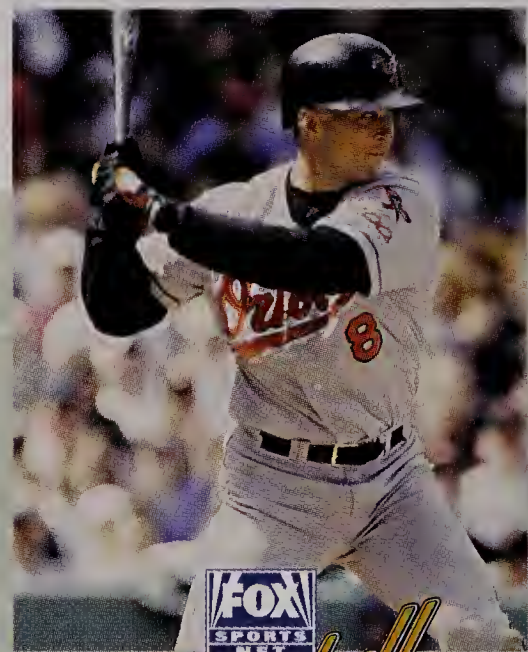
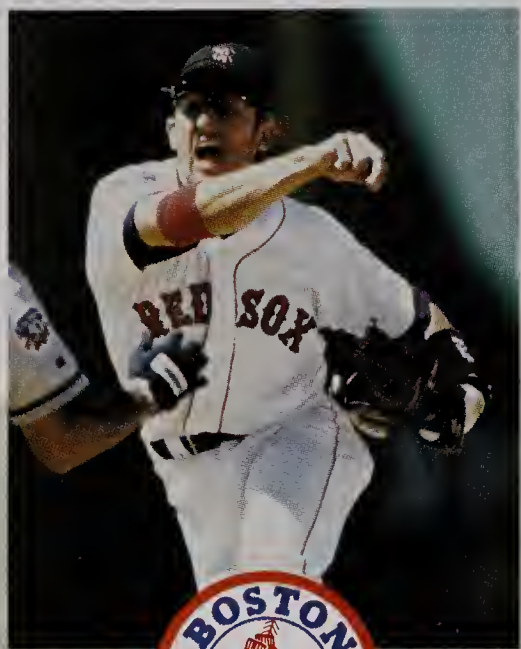
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Two losses to Toronto and two more defeats at the hands of the Yanks, this time in the Bronx, had the Sox reeling. Boston's longest losing streak of the season, six games, had dropped it 9 1/2 games behind New York, and the Sox were in danger of losing their early-season momentum.

Enter Saberhagen, who with the help of a two-run homer from Vaughn, beat New York, 3-2, at Yankee Stadium. The next afternoon, Boston exploded for an 11-run third inning. Vaughn and Garciparra combined to drive in six runs, and the Sox had themselves a 13-7 victory. Merloni made a huge defensive play with the bases loaded, diving to start a double play on a Jorge Posada grounder. By splitting the series, Boston became the first team to win two games at Yankee Stadium in 1998. The roll continued with back-to-back victories in Toronto, and the Sox returned home after a 4-2 road trip.

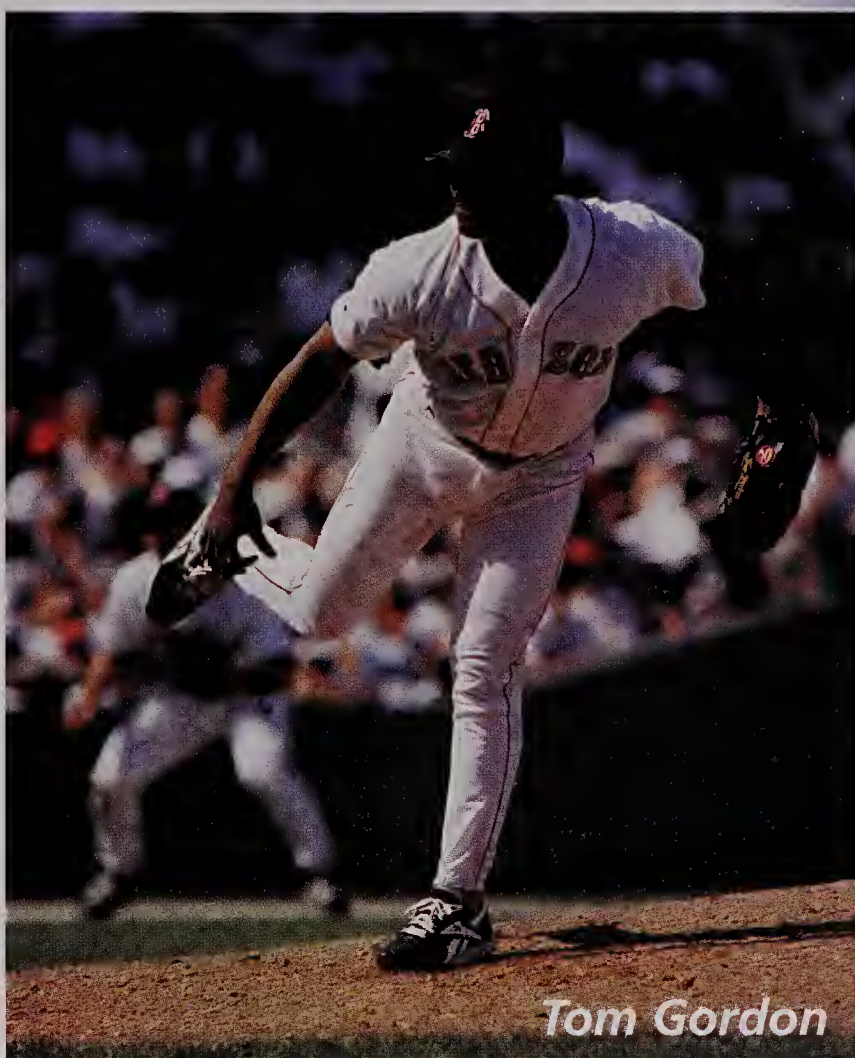
June brought interleague play and some curious developments.

Wakefield had become one of Boston's most reliable components. Maintaining control of his knuckleball, he was consistent all season. On June 6, he was exceptional, holding the Mets to one hit over eight innings. Wakefield, however, lost the game, 1-0, the run scoring on a sixth-inning balk.

The following night, the Sox turned to lefthander Steve Avery, who had struggled out of the bullpen in the early going and was sent to Pawtucket to try to find his form. The Pawtucket experience didn't solve Avery's problems, but an experiment in his June 2 start at Toronto seemed to work wonders. Pitching Coach Joe Kerrigan convinced Avery to try a lower arm angle on his delivery. Buoyed by his success north of the border, Avery tried it again and delivered seven shutout innings against the Mets, improving to 3-1 with a 5-0 victory.

One of the more discouraging nights of the season occurred June 8 in Atlanta. Lowe and relievers Ron Mahay and Jim Corsi had held the Braves to one run through eight innings. Gordon, nearly flawless in the bullpen, inherited a 7-1 lead, but had one of those nights. He couldn't get a hitter out, and John Wasdin couldn't stop the bleeding. The Braves rallied to pull out an 8-7 win.

In typical Red Sox fashion, the team bounced back, winning 9-3 behind Saberhagen the next night, then taking the series with a 10-6 victory that featured Buford's three-run



Tom Gordon

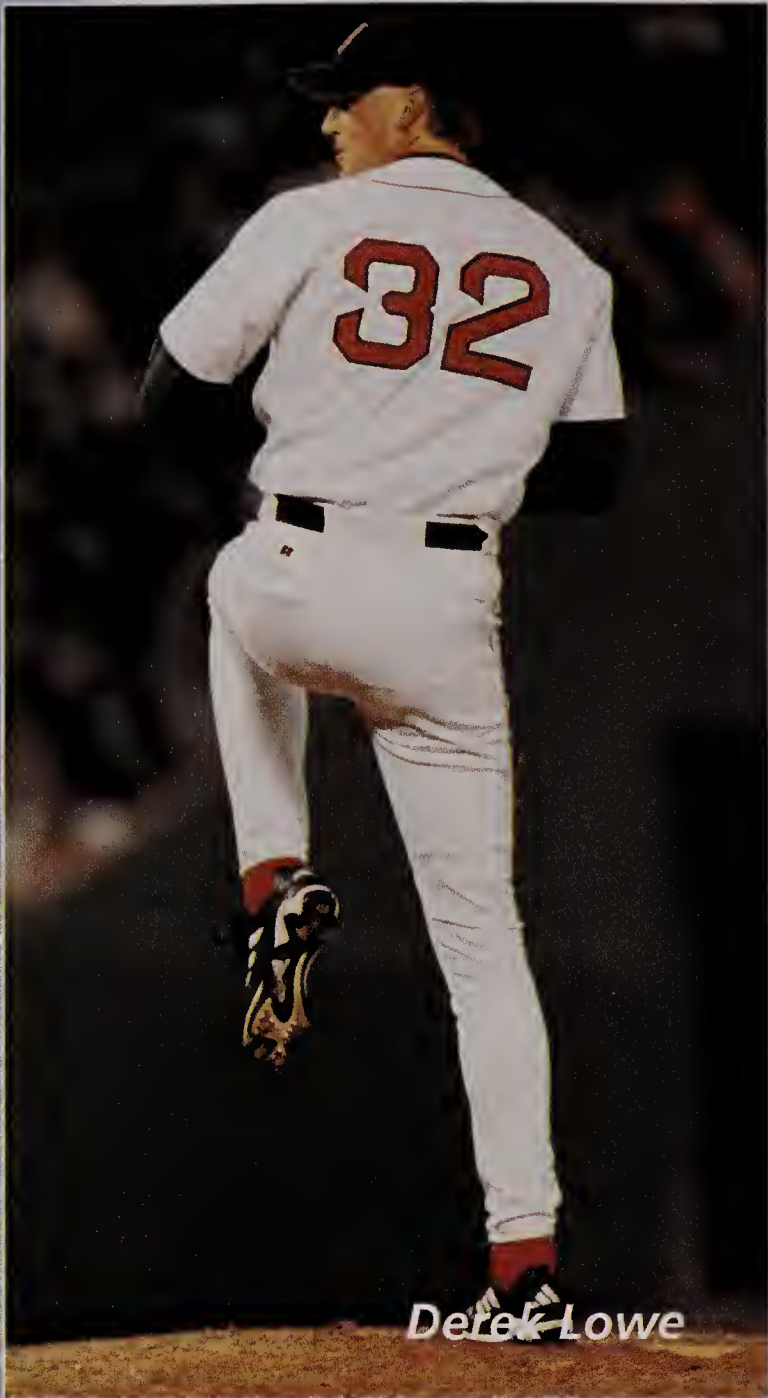
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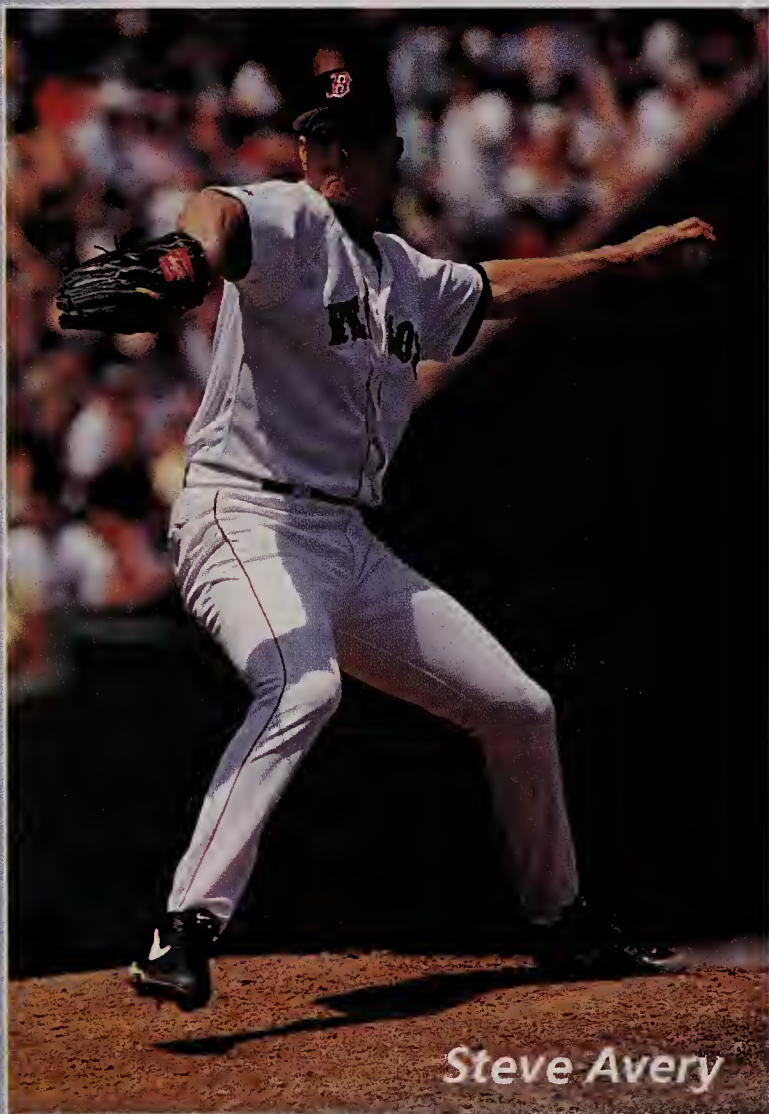
The Sox also made a significant trade in mid-June, sending the disenchanted Leyritz to San Diego. In return, Boston received pitchers Carlos Reyes and Dario Veras and catcher Mandy Romero, each of whom would play in Boston before season's end.

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Derek Lowe



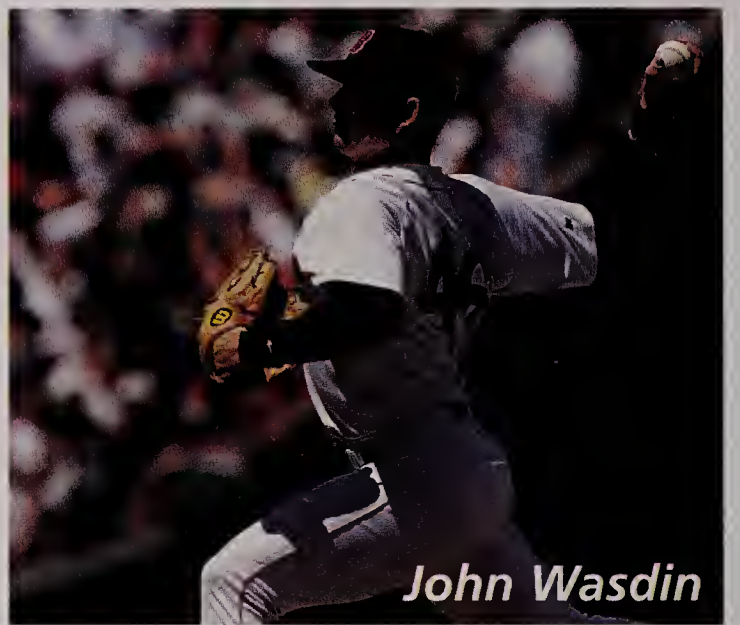
Steve Avery



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Mike Stanley

Williams utilized all his players. Witness the July 23 win over Toronto when Boston rallied from a 6-1 deficit to win 8-7 in 10 innings.

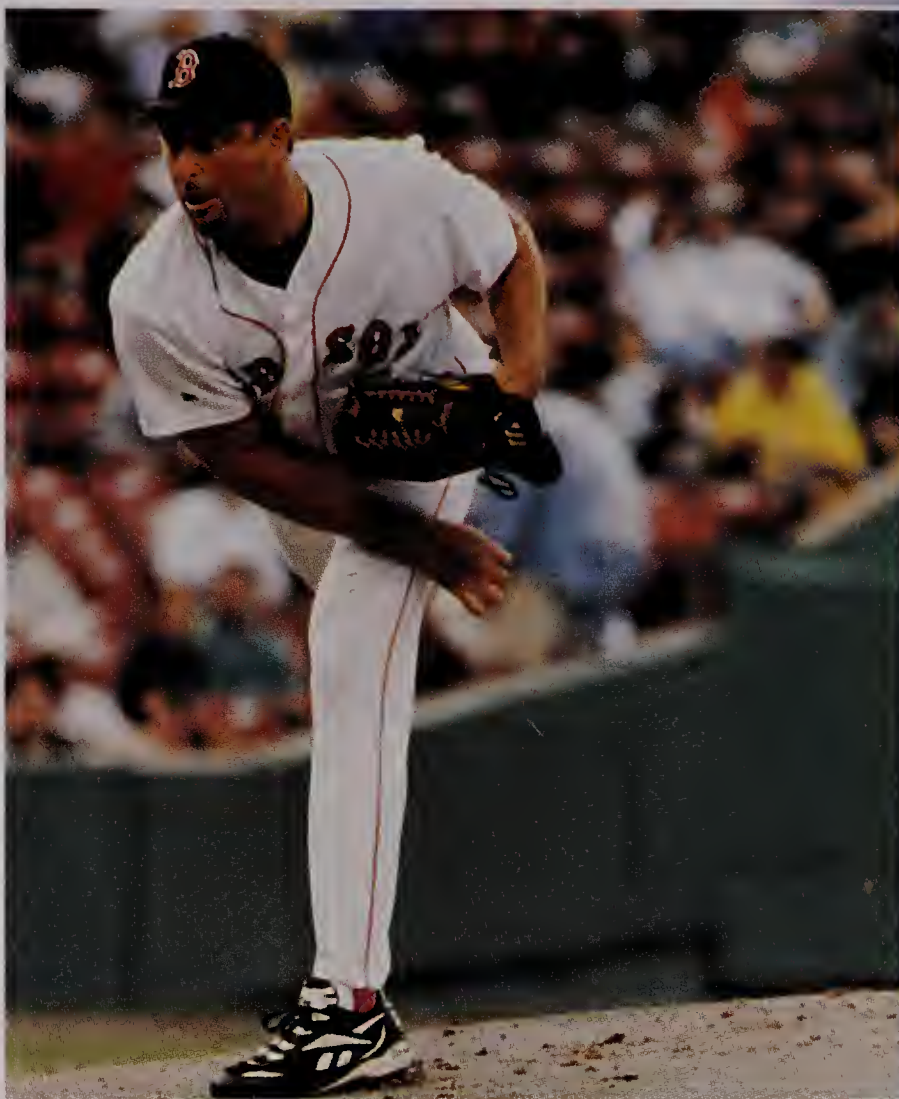
Martinez picked up his 10th win on June 26, defeating the Marlins. Saberhagen was right behind, improving to 10-5 by limiting the Expos to three hits over seven innings on July 1.

Most impressive about Saberhagen, he did not walk a batter in that outing, indicating that he once again had the kind of control which enabled him to win two Cy Young Awards in the 1980s. Saberhagen, who hadn't won a game since shoulder surgery in 1995, established himself as a Comeback Player of the Year contender, pitching consistently well all season long. After a string of no-decisions, he beat Oakland in late August for his 12th victory.

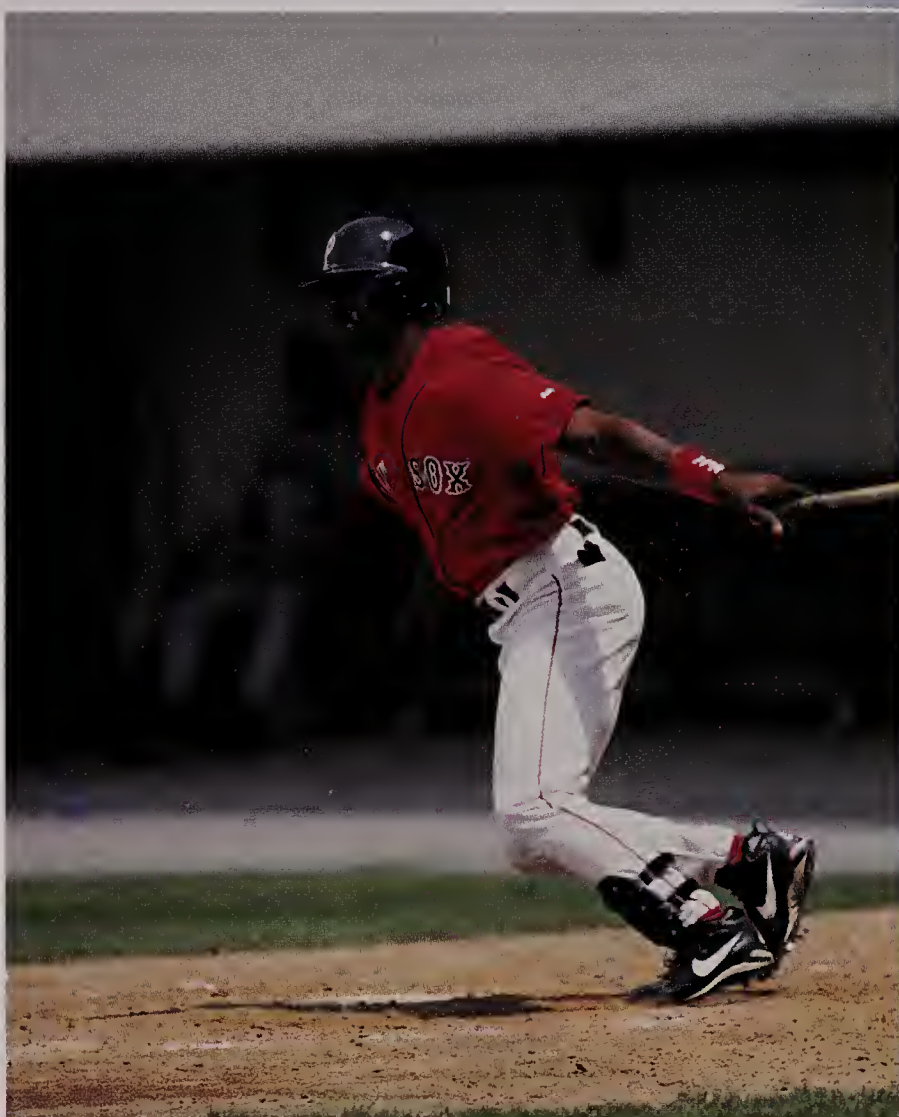
As July 4 approached, the Red Sox set off the offensive fireworks, scoring 15 runs in consecutive games against the Expos and White Sox. Lewis had four of Boston's 20 hits as the Sox gave Martinez plenty of support in a 15-0 win against Montreal. The loss came at the expense of rookie Carl Pavano, the key player sent to the Expos in exchange for Martinez. Billy Ashley hit a grand slam in the 15-2 win over Chicago on July 3.

July 4 marked the debut of promising Korean righthander Jin Ho Cho, who pitched effectively. For one day, however, Boston's bats fell silent. The Sox were blanked by White Sox rookie John Snyder, only to bounce back the next day with another 15-run explosion. This time, Boston needed all 20 hits — including a Benjamin home run — to subdue the White Sox, 15-14, in the final game before the All-Star break.

At the break, Vaughn was leading the team with a .327 average and 21 home runs. Jefferson (soon to be disabled with back problems) was at .326 and Benjamin was batting .321.



Bret Saberhagen



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The leading story of the first half was the performance of the "Big Three" on the mound. Martinez (11-2) led the way. He was, as advertised, a dominant pitcher and a cheerful personality. At season's end, he was near the top of virtually every pitching category and in the running for a second straight Cy Young Award. Wakefield (10-3) and Saberhagen (10-5) combined with Martinez to go 31-10 at the break, Boston was 52-33, 11 games out of first place, but five games ahead of Texas in the wild card standings.

Boston stumbled out of the gate in the second half. Nothing went right in a four-game series at Baltimore, where the Sox lost three straight one-run decisions, then failed to hold a 6-4 lead in an 11-7 loss. The pitching, however, put things back on track. Avery and three relievers combined for a shutout at Tampa Bay and, two days later, Martinez pitched a four-hit shutout to beat Cleveland and Bartolo Colon, 1-0, on a home run by Cummings. It was quite a different story the next night when Garciparra went 4 for 4 with five RBI in a 15-5 win.

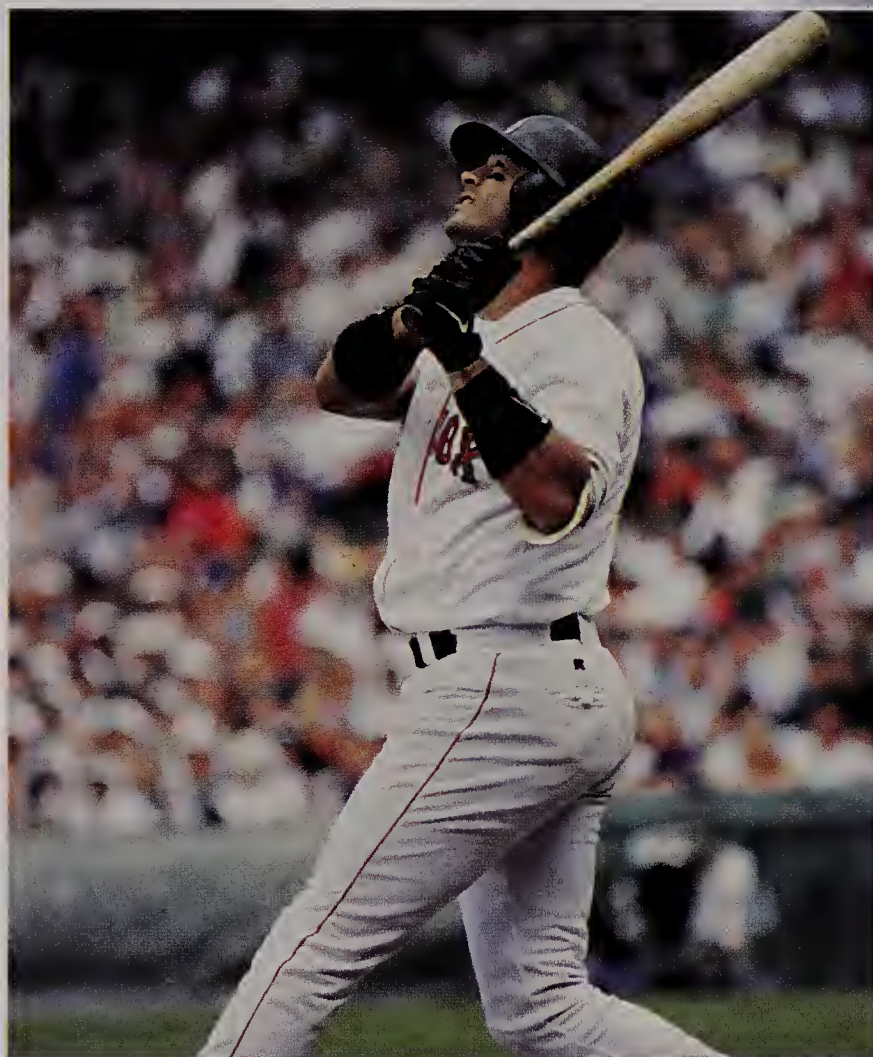
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The Sox won two of the next three against Toronto, moving 17 games over .500 as they prepared for what many felt would be a make-or-break, 12-game road trip to the West Coast and Texas.

July 30 might have been the day the Red Sox clinched their wild-card berth. On the field, a late rally came up one run short against Oakland. Off the field, however, they acquired veteran hitter Mike Stanley from the Blue Jays. Admired for his clubhouse presence as well as his bat, Stanley pro-



Tim Wakefield



John Valentin

Boston went 8-4 on their longest road trip of the season with Wakefield winning three games and Gordon saving four.

SEASON IN REVIEW



Scott Hatteberg



Mike Benjamin



Pete Schourek

duced 14 hits in his first 28 chances with runners in scoring position for the Sox. The next day, after Garciparra's home run keyed a come-from-behind win at Anaheim, Duquette beat the trading deadline and bolstered the bullpen with the acquisition of lefty Greg Swindell from Minnesota.

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Gordon's emergence as one of the game's premier closers played a huge role in Boston's success. The transition began last August, and Gordon said the six weeks of experience he gained in '97 was invaluable. Gordon pitched in the All-Star Game, and on Sept. 16 in Baltimore, he broke Jeff Reardon's team record of 40 saves in a season. The next night, also in Baltimore, he set a new major league record with his 39th consecutive save.

Upon returning from their 12-game trip, the Sox looked rather unimpressive at home, splitting six games with Kansas City and Minnesota. August 18 became a pivotal date. It had rained the previous day and the Sox were forced to play a day-night doubleheader against the Texas Rangers, a team very much in the playoff picture. On this day and night, the stars stepped up to the plate.

Martinez was splendid in the day game, holding the Rangers to one run on five hits for 8 2/3 innings. Boston won, 4-1, with Gordon getting his 35th save. Gordon was back on the mound to save the nightcap as well, after Vaughn snapped a 4-4 tie with his seventh-inning homer. Garciparra also played a significant role, driving in a run with a sacrifice fly and igniting the game-tying sixth-inning rally with a double.

Uncertainty about Vaughn's contract was a major story in the spring but was left to the back burner much of the season. When Vaughn spoke, he did so with his bat. By mid-September, he was not only closing in on 40 homers, but also pressing the A.L. batting leaders with an average above .330. Defensively, the Hit Dog was becoming known as the "Glove Dog," time after time making diving stops and saving his infielders'

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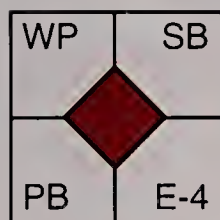
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CODE NUMBER OF PLAYERS AS FOLLOWS

Pitcher	1	Second Baseman	4	Left Fielder	7
Catcher	2	Third Baseman	5	Center Fielder	8
First Baseman	3	Shortstop	6	Right Fielder	9

SYMBOLS FOR PLAYS

Single	—	Fielder's Choice	FC	Passed Ball	PB
Double	=	Hit by Pitcher	HP	Balk	BK
Triple	≡	Wild Pitch	WP	Struck Out	K
Home Run	≡≡	Stolen Base	SB	Base on Balls	BB
Sacrifice	SAC	Force Out	FO		
Reached Base on Error	E				



The lower left-hand corner of the scoring block should be considered as home plate. Progress is counter-clockwise with progress to first base indicated in lower right-hand corner, to second in upper righthand corner, to third in upper left-hand corner and to home in lower left. In example to left, batter reached first on an error by the second baseman, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball. It is convenient to shade the diamond as shown so that scoring plays may be seen at a glance.

FENWAY PARK GROUND RULES

Foul poles, screen poles and screen on top of left-field fence are outside of playing field.

Ball going through scoreboard, either on the bound or fly: 2 Bases.

Fly ball striking left-center-field wall to right of line behind flagpole: Home Run.

Fly ball striking left-center-field wall to left of line behind flagpole and bounding into screen: 2 Bases.

Fly ball striking wall or flagpole and bounding into bleachers: Home Run.

Fly ball striking line or right of same on wall in right center: Home Run.

Fly ball striking wall left of line and bounding into bullpen: 2 Bases.

Ball sticking in bullpen screen or bouncing into bullpen: 2 Bases.

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1999 RED SOX SEASON SCHEDULE

APRIL 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9
	KC 2:05		KC 8:05	KC 8:05	TAM 7:05	TAM 6:35
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
TAM 1:35		CHW 1:05		CHW 6:05	TAM 6:05	TAM 1:05
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
TAM 1:05	TAM 11:05	DET 7:05	DET 7:05	DET 7:05	CLE 6:05	CLE 1:05
25	26	27	28	29	30	
CLE 1:05	MIN 8:05	MIN 8:05	MIN 1:15		OAK 10:35	

MAY 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
ANA 1:05	SEA 7:05	SEA 7:05	SEA 7:05		TOR 7:05	TOR 1:05
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TOR 1:05	TOR 7:05	NYN 7:05	NYN 7:05	NYN 7:05	TOR 7:05	TOR 1:05
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31					
CLE 1:05	DET 1:05					

JUNE 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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AUGUST 1999

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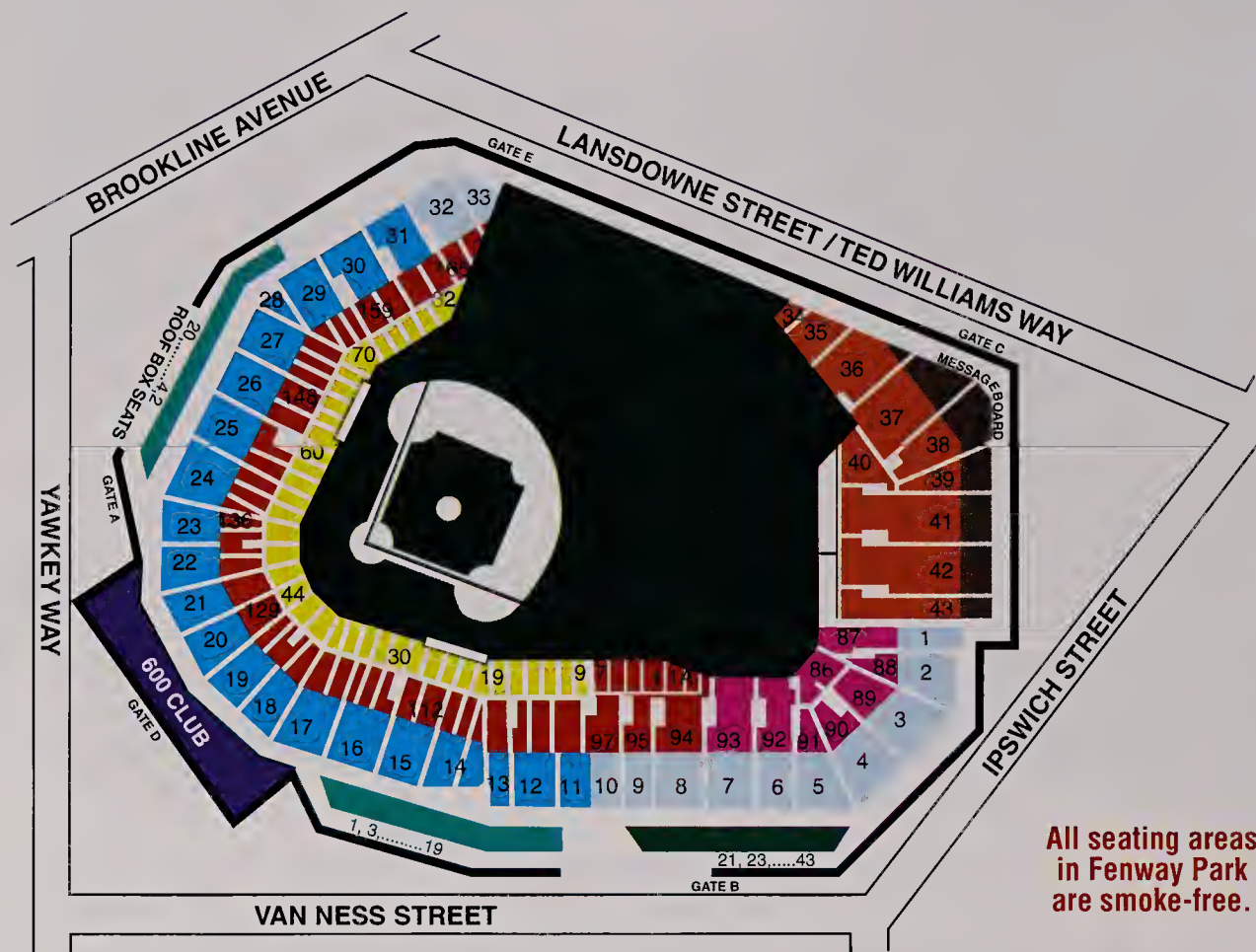
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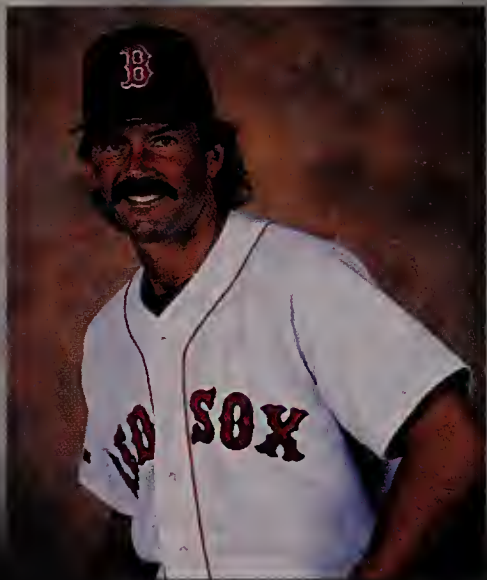
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RED SOX RECOGNIZE CY YOUNG AWARD WINNERS

Three members of the 1998 Red Sox pitching staff have each won the top honor in their field, the Cy Young Award. Dennis Eckersley won the award in 1992 with the Oakland A's with his league-leading, 51-save season and 1.91 ERA. Bret Saberhagen earned the honor twice: the first at the age of 21 in 1985 with the Kansas City Royals when he went 20-6 (2.87 ERA) and again in 1989 with the Royals when he led the A.L. in wins (23), ERA (2.16), complete games (12) and innings pitched (22.1). In 1997 with the Montreal Expos, Pedro Martinez went 17-6 with N.L. highs in ERA (1.90) and complete games (13) to merit the distinction.

A bronze statue of the former great Red Sox pitcher Cy Young stands on the grounds of Northeastern University in Boston, the site of the Red Sox first home, the Huntington Avenue Grounds. The 1998 season marks the 95th anniversary of the first World Series that was won by the Red Sox. Engraved at the base of the statue are the words: "At this site in October 1903 baseball's winningest pitcher led Boston to victory in the first World Series."



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DAN DUQUETTE

Building the 1998 Red Sox

Make no mistake about it — the 1998 Boston Red Sox team is the team that Dan Duquette built.

From pitching ace Pedro Martinez, to the rejuvenated Bret Saberhagen, to the sensational Nomar Garciaparra, right down to the revolving door at second base, this team has Duquette's fingerprints all over it.

Duquette traded farm talent for Pedro and took a chance on Sabes that paid huge dividends. He is the guy who signed Tim Wakefield, claimed Troy O'Leary on waivers, and brought in Jimmy Williams and Joe Kerrigan.

Of the 25 players on the Red Sox post-season roster, only three pre-date Duquette — Mo Vaughn, John Valentin and Scott Hatteberg, who bloomed in the new farm system and got his shot at regular duty under the current regime.

Building a club is a tricky business. Some moves work, some don't. The Red Sox went through a record 53 players including 26 pitchers when they won the Eastern Division championship in 1995, and now, three years later, they are back in the post-season once again.

What is the secret?

"I always try to put together a roster that has players with very specific strengths," says Duquette. "Everybody on the roster ought to be able to help you win a game in some way, shape or form."

"I always look for the players with exceptional skills that can put



you above your competition and keep you in the first division. I always look for something to distinguish them from the middle of the pack, and if you can get 25 players on your roster who can distinguish themselves in some way to help you win a game, then you are going to have a pretty good year."

That sounds good, but it's easier said than done. You have 29 other teams trying to put together a winner as well. Clubs in the 1990s are put together in a variety of ways: you draft a few; pick up a couple in trades; sign some free agents; and scour the waiver wires looking for some bargains.

Most baseball people believe that you build a club down the middle, and Duquette is no exception.

"You generally start with the catcher," he said. "If you have a

good, solid catcher you've got one of your key pieces in place because he is going to be out there handling so many outs for you and handling your pitchers."

The Red Sox are fortunate to have two young catchers in Scott Hatteberg and Jason Varitek. The platoon has worked well. Their combined offensive contributions have been solid, and both have improved defensively. Hatteberg came aboard via the draft while Varitek arrived in a key trade with Seattle.

There are not too many old-fashioned baseball trades anymore. Most of them are weighted heavily by economics, but Duquette was able to pull the trigger on a gem at the trading deadline last year,

acquiring Varitek and Derek Lowe for Heathcliff Slocumb. Another "Duquette Dandy" was Jamie Moyer for Darren Bragg the year before.

Mike Stanley has been acquired by Duquette twice, first from the Yankees, and this year from Toronto. Also added this year at the trading deadline were left-handers Greg Swindell and Pete Schourek.

But Duquette's biggest deal came last November when he bagged the reigning National League Cy Young Award winner, Pedro Martinez.

It was one of those economic deals because the Montreal Expos could not afford their prized righthander from the Dominican Republic. But to acquire Martinez, Duquette still had to have the goods that the Expos wanted in return which turned out to be highly-rated farm hands, Carl Pavano (drafted by the Sox) and Tony Armas, Jr. (acquired by Duquette last year when he sent Mike Stanley back to New York). Then the Sox were able to sign Martinez to a lucrative long-term contract.

Martinez, obviously, was the biggest piece to the Red Sox' 1998 puzzle. They had to have a number one starter — a go-to guy — someone to anchor the rotation. They came up huge with Pedro.

And then there was Tom Gordon, who was originally signed by Duquette as a starting pitcher following the defection of Erik Hanson to Toronto in December, 1995. Gordon has always been back and forth between the starting rotation and the bullpen but had never been used in the closer's role, a move that has paid big dividends for both Gordon and the Red Sox.

"That gave us some definition to our



Duquette with Pedro Martinez during the press conference welcoming the Cy Young Award winner to Boston last winter.

pitching staff," Duquette said. "Whenever you put together a pitching staff, you always look for a number one starter and a closer, and for our team from last year to this year, that is the biggest difference. This year we have a number one pitcher in Pedro Martinez to keep the losing streaks short and give us good quality innings, and we have the top flight closer in Gordon to hold on to those leads and keep those games that are wins in the win column. Those are the two most important pieces in putting together your pitching staff."

Certainly one of the most important positions on the diamond is shortstop, and the Olde Towne Team hit a home run in the June, 1994 draft with their first selection — Nomar Garciaparra. Nomar has become the poster child of the Duquette era and one of the best players in the game. This spring

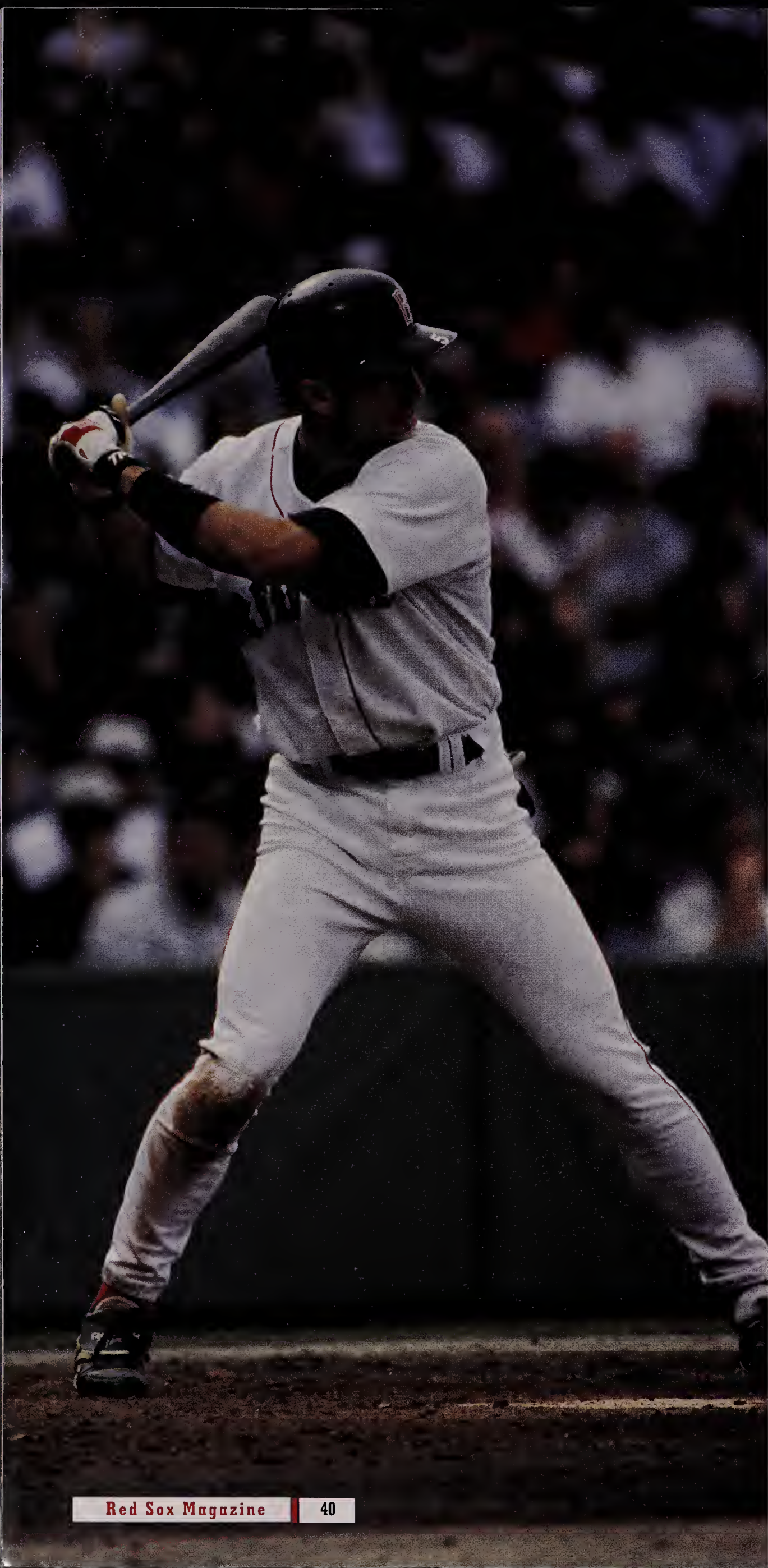
Nomar signed a long-term contract, and after he is finished, his #5 might well be retired up there with those numbers of Bobby Doerr, Joe Cronin, Carl Yastrzemski and Ted Williams.

Free agency is a fact of life in modern baseball, and there are few that can rival Duquette in this area. How is this for a list: Tim Wakefield, Bret Saberhagen, Reggie Jefferson, Troy O'Leary and Darren Lewis.

These are good ballplayers. Yet when they were on the market, they were pretty much available to all. At the time, they were not high profile megabuck signings. They have all played very significant roles in the Red Sox success.

Duquette says scout Eddie Robinson convinced him to sign Wakefield. Robinson knew the value of a knuckleball pitcher and got the Sox to jump on Wakefield when he

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was released by the Pirates in 1995.

Saberhagen falls in that category of looking for something special, something separate from the pack. Duquette refers to Saberhagen as an "elite pitcher, when healthy — a great control pitcher, one of the very few that had as many walks as wins one year."

The Sox always liked Reggie Jefferson's bat. He had always hit well against the Red Sox, particularly at Fenway Park, and Duquette knew O'Leary from his days as the scouting director in Milwaukee. He was instrumental in the Brewers originally drafting O'Leary in 1987.

Duquette credits Jimmy Williams with this year's emphasis on defense and the signing of Darren Lewis. Williams comes from the old school, "catch the ball, throw the ball," defense first philosophy. Defense is an area where the Sox have picked it up in 1998, and it has shown up in both the improvement in the pitching staff and in the standings. Every run you prevent is one less you have to score.

Nomar Garciaparra, the Red Sox no. 1 pick in the June 1994 draft, ranks high on the list of prized acquisitions of Duquette to date.

There are great baseball fans here in New England. They are very knowledgeable and have a passion for the game. There are not many more high profile jobs in the region than that of general manager of the Red Sox, and Duquette occupies the chair in Fenway Park that many fans would love to share. Duquette is thankful for the opportunity and deals well with the pressures that go with it.

"The great thing about the GM job is that you have an opportunity to shape a team. If you can shape your ball club so that the fans can identify with it, and it is an interesting team, and you can get enough good ballplayers so that it is a good team, you are going to be well received," Duquette stated. "We have been able to accomplish that with this year's team.

"The pressures and demands of the industry with the economic structure the way it is today, there isn't an organization in baseball that can stand a couple of losing seasons



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— you have to have a good ball club. The ultimate responsibility rests with the general manager. People don't have the patience to wait for you to put together a winning ball club. You have to do everything you can to marshal your resources to have as good a team as you can every year with an eye towards having a good team every year."

Well said, and Duquette has certainly delivered in 1998.

Duquette, like all GMs, has his critics,

but he has one very important fan in Red Sox Nation. One who speaks loudly, carried a very big stick and lives in Florida.

Duquette gets high marks from Teddy Ballgame.

Ted Williams, the greatest Red Sox of all says, "You've got to give credit to Dan Duquette. He hasn't always been the most popular guy, but I want to tell you, the first time I met him, I walked away thinking that guy is a secret weapon for the Red Sox." ■

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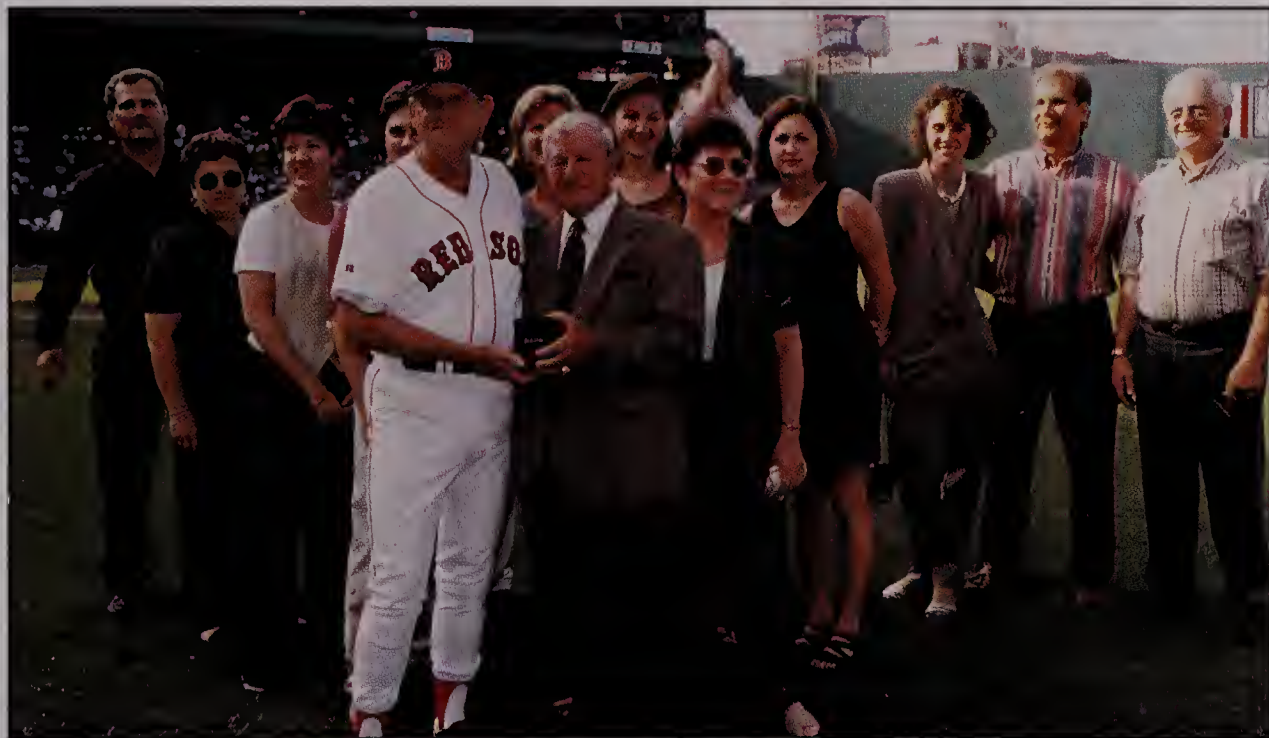
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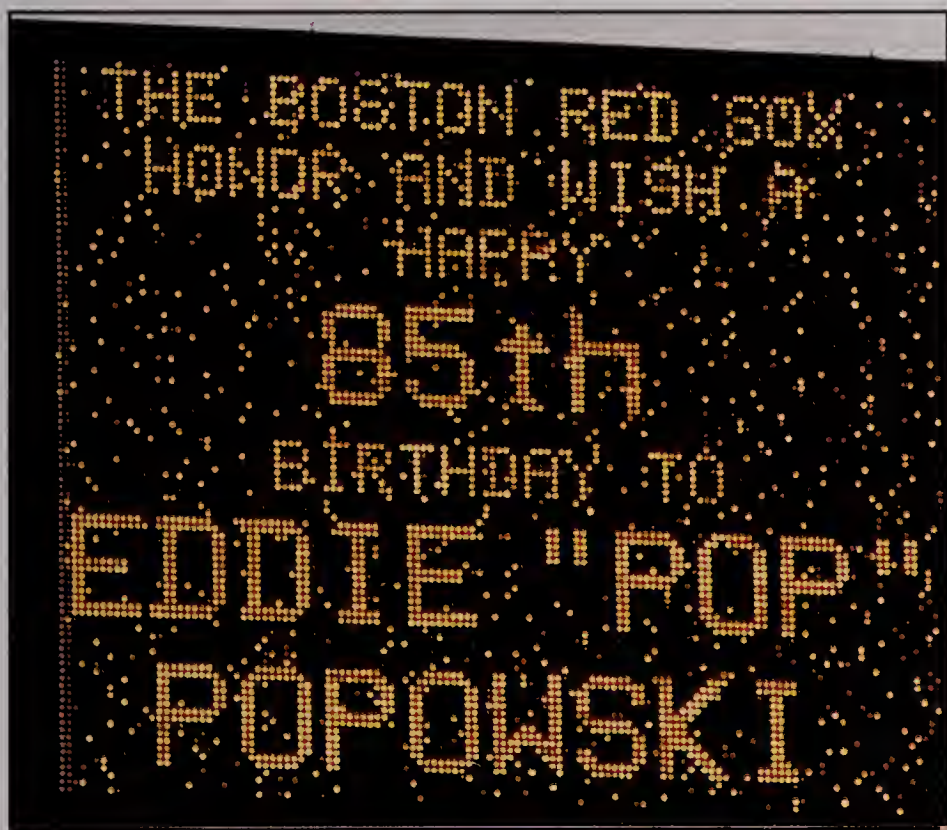
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RED SOX IN THE COMMUNITY



On Saturday, August 15, the Red Sox honored Special Assignment Instructor Eddie Popowski on his 85th birthday on August 20 during an on-field ceremony before the Red Sox-Blue Jays game. Prior to the game, the Red Sox toasted "Pop" with a birthday party attended by many relatives, friends and associates of the longtime Red Sox employee. Eddie and his family were joined on the field by Manager Jimmy Williams who made a special presentation.

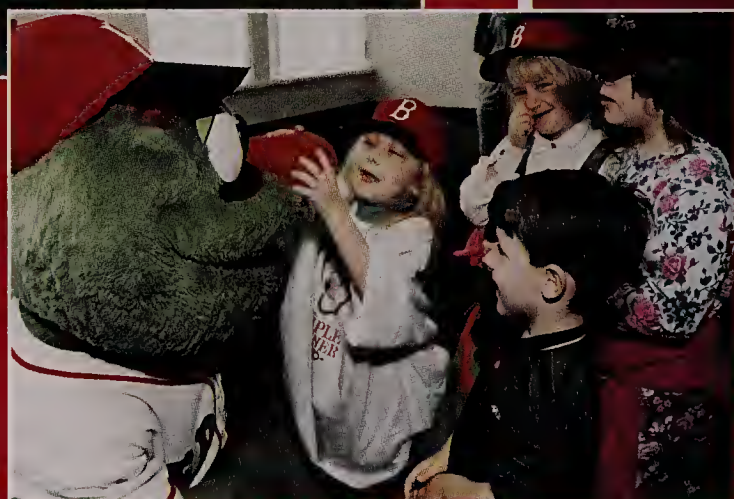
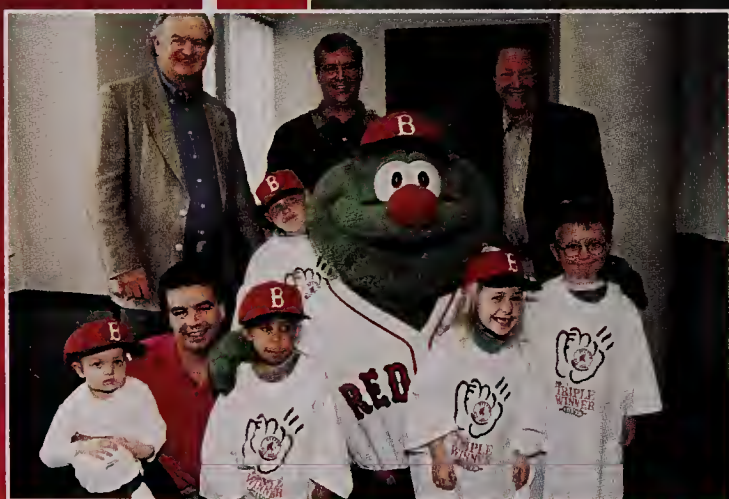
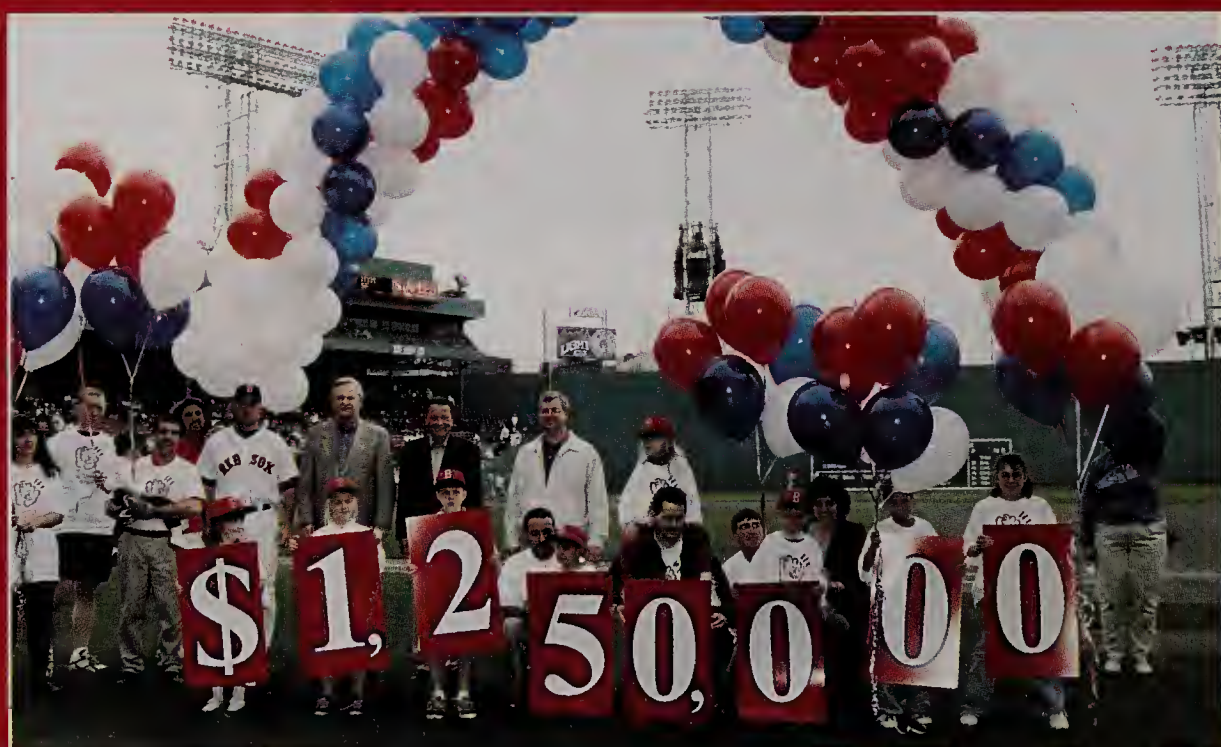


The Red Sox observed "Remember Babe Ruth Day" on Saturday, August 15, to commemorate the 50th anniversary (on August 16) of the Babe's passing. Ruth's daughter, Julia Ruth Stevens, was on hand to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.



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Fenway played host to the second of the two All-Star Games held in 1961, a game that ended in a 1-1 tie and called after nine innings due to rain. Red Sox All-Star representatives were pitchers Don Schwall and Mike Fornieles.

Next year's All-Star Game will be the 70th and the last of the 20th century.

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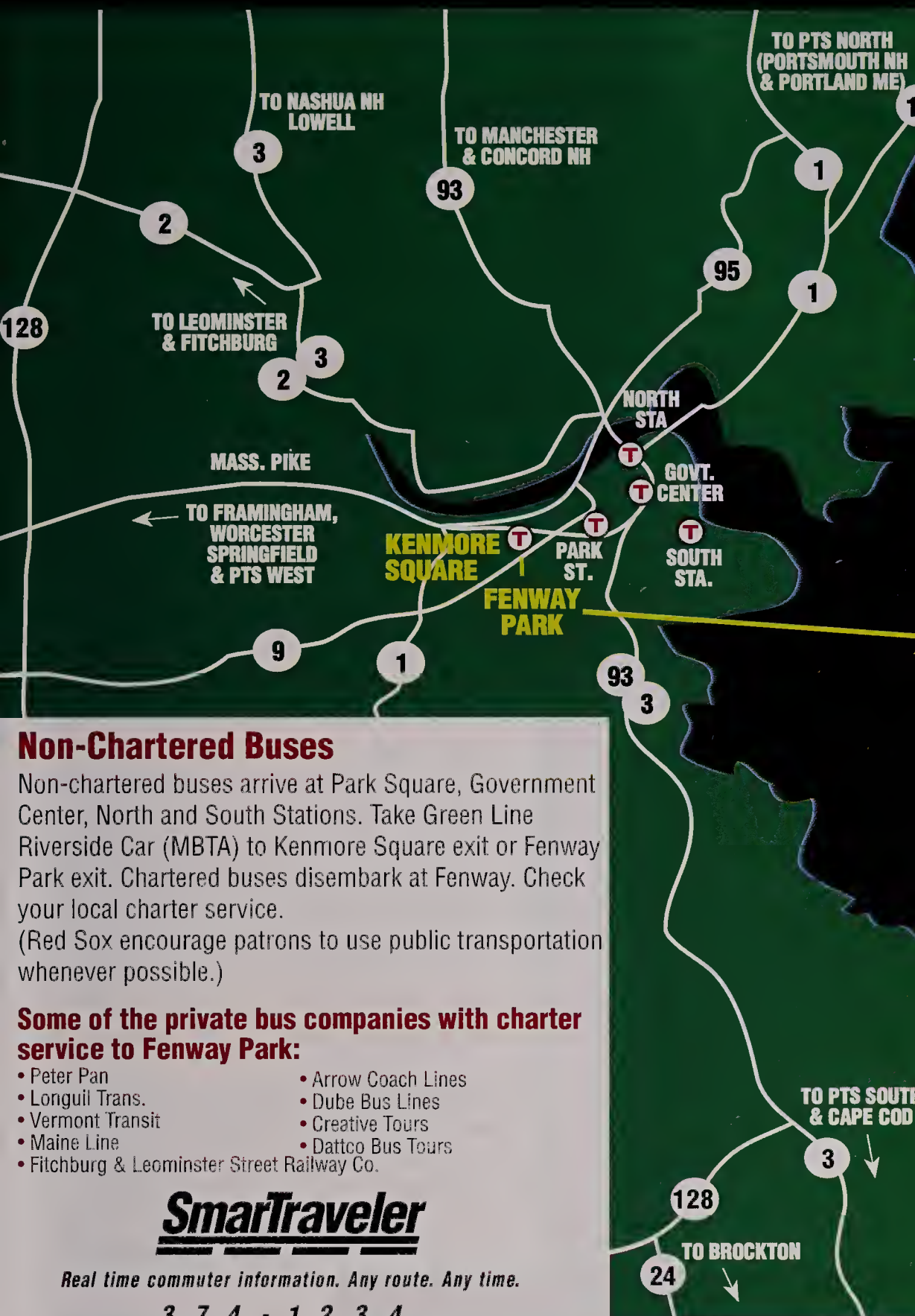
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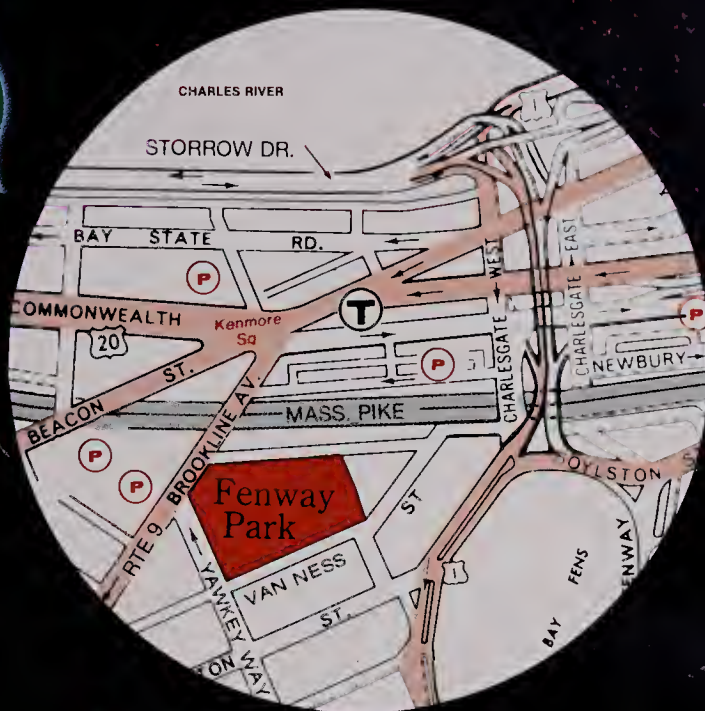
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"Winning" Experience Leads to Winning Season for 1998 Red Sox

Dan Duquette has received a lot of credit for making the most of trades and free agency over the last several years, molding the 1998 Red Sox into a team that, from April through the dog days of summer, not only showed itself to be a wild-card contender but also provided New England with genuine hope of playing long into October.

But the Red Sox general manager will also tell those who listen that one person who deserves credit for riding the ship through waters both calm and rough is skipper Jimmy Williams.

The 54-year-old native of Dunedin, Florida (via Arroyo Grande, CA) was hired as the 41st manager of the Red Sox on November 19, 1996. James Francis Williams was signed to a two-year contract. At his news conference at the Diamond at Fenway, Duquette made it clear that Williams was his man for a number of reasons.

First and foremost, Williams, as third base coach of the perennial National League powerhouse Atlanta Braves, brought with him something money can't buy — winning experience and an annual expectation of "competing" and, more importantly, winning.

"Jimmy has been around a great atmosphere for the last five years and has played an integral role in helping the Braves become one of the most dominant teams in baseball," stated Duquette. "That winning attitude is definitely something that we think can rub off on our players."

Moreover, Duquette was looking for a no-non-

sense field manager who could handle the mix of veterans and youth and do it without any anxiety.

Another facet of Williams' philosophy is to not only teach fundamentals but also to execute them day in and day out in game situations. The buzz around baseball at the time Williams was hired was how the New York Yankees beat the Braves at their own game, playing a "National League" style of baseball which stressed pitching, speed and defense. Duquette saw in Williams the possibility to mold the Red Sox into a team that could not only win 10-9 but also 3-2 and 2-1.

"Jimmy has an outstanding reputation of working with a variety of players," Duquette added. "He stresses the importance of good defense, especially when it comes to working with infielders, which given his background, is a specialty."

It wasn't the easiest of seasons for Williams in 1997. His Red

Sox had to endure a rash of early-season injuries, especially to the pitching staff, just to battle with the .500 mark all season. He used 24 pitchers and 22 position players during a 78-84, fourth-place finish in the A.L. East. Duquette was determined to give Williams a chance to work with a healthier and deeper club this season. Proof of that came when the Red Sox signed 1997 N.L. Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez to the longest, richest contract ever to a Boston hurler.

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Duquette to greatly enhance the team's ability to attain the trifecta of "fundamental" baseball. Gold-glover Darren Lewis, Damon Buford, Darren Bragg and Troy O'Leary have patrolled the outfield with great effectiveness while providing far more power than the critics had predicted in March. Meanwhile, the club's pitching became a story line midway through the season when Martinez, Tim Wakefield and Bret Saberhagen became the club's first trio since 1986 to have 10 wins apiece by the All-Star break.

So how does a manager go about putting all the pieces together of a pennant-contending ball club? Let's find out.

MP: How important was your team's fast start in April, and how did it set the stage for the team's success this season?

JW: Our kids have been hustling and leaving it on the field ever since the season began. I believe that stems from the way they played and the effort they gave in spring training. I believe it's been shown that we have a good mix and a good makeup of players here. Maybe they're not all home run hitters, but certainly as a group I think our outfield, in particular, has done an outstanding job. They patrolled the outfield and made all



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the plays we've needed at key times this season. I know our pitchers feel especially good about the way our outfielders have either made plays or cut off base hits. That's not to overlook our infield either, because they certainly have done a great job this year. People were wondering why we didn't have more power in the outfield coming into the season. I think if you look at our stats, this ball club is up there in the rankings in batting average and the top four or five in runs scored. So offensively we've scored runs all season even though it may have come without the big power that many people thought we would need. In the infield, of course, we've had great offensive seasons again from Mo Vaughn, Nomar Garciaparra and John Valentin. We've done a great job of juggling at second base because of the bad luck we've had there since the beginning (of spring training). Look at the injuries to (Jeff) Frye, (Mark) Lemke and (Lou) Merloni. But the two at that position who deserve a lot of credit for helping to pick up the slack are Mike Benjamin and Donnie Sadler.

MP: Did your club learn the important lesson of not quitting late in ballgames early in the year when there were so many dramatic wins in the final at-bat?

JW: There's no doubt that we had some big wins early, and that gave us the confidence to believe we're never out of any ballgame. I think that trend was something that continued through the season and was a big reason for our consistency through the season. Even in the games where we were down big margins and didn't win, we still fought hard to



get back in the game and give ourselves a chance at the end.

MP: How would you characterize your pitching staff this year?

JW: I think our pitchers have competed very well overall this entire season. That begins with the starting rotation, Pedro (Martinez), (Tim) Wakefield and (Bret) Saberhagen, going through our bullpen and finally Flash (Tom Gordon). Flash has done an outstanding job coming out of that

bullpen, making a great transition from last year when he was a starter at the beginning of the season.

MP: You're someone who believes in focus and mental approach to baseball. How would you evaluate your team with regard to that intangible?

JW: We have a very good mix of players with skill and a mental approach that shows they know what they want to do when they get out there on the field everyday. I think

our coaches and trainers should take a lot of credit as well as our players for the preparation we've shown.

MP: As you've mentioned, chemistry and a good team mix are important. Is this year a good indication of just how important that is?

JW: Well, I thought last year we had the same type of people because we came back in a lot of games. We obviously have some different players this season but still many of the same players we had last year. Whatever word you want to use, heart, chemistry, background, our players have shown that if you play every game like it's the last one you'll ever play, you won't cheat yourself.

MP: Is it too simple to say that winning is making this season more enjoyable than last year?

JW: I'm proud of all of these players for the way they've played and just what they bring to the table. It's not always the winning that makes me proud. It's when you ask a pitcher to go out there three or four days in a row when maybe he doesn't have the results, but he still wanted to take the ball. That means a lot to me as far as the makeup of that kid. Sometimes it's someone playing with an injury. Work ethic and practice do mean a lot to me.

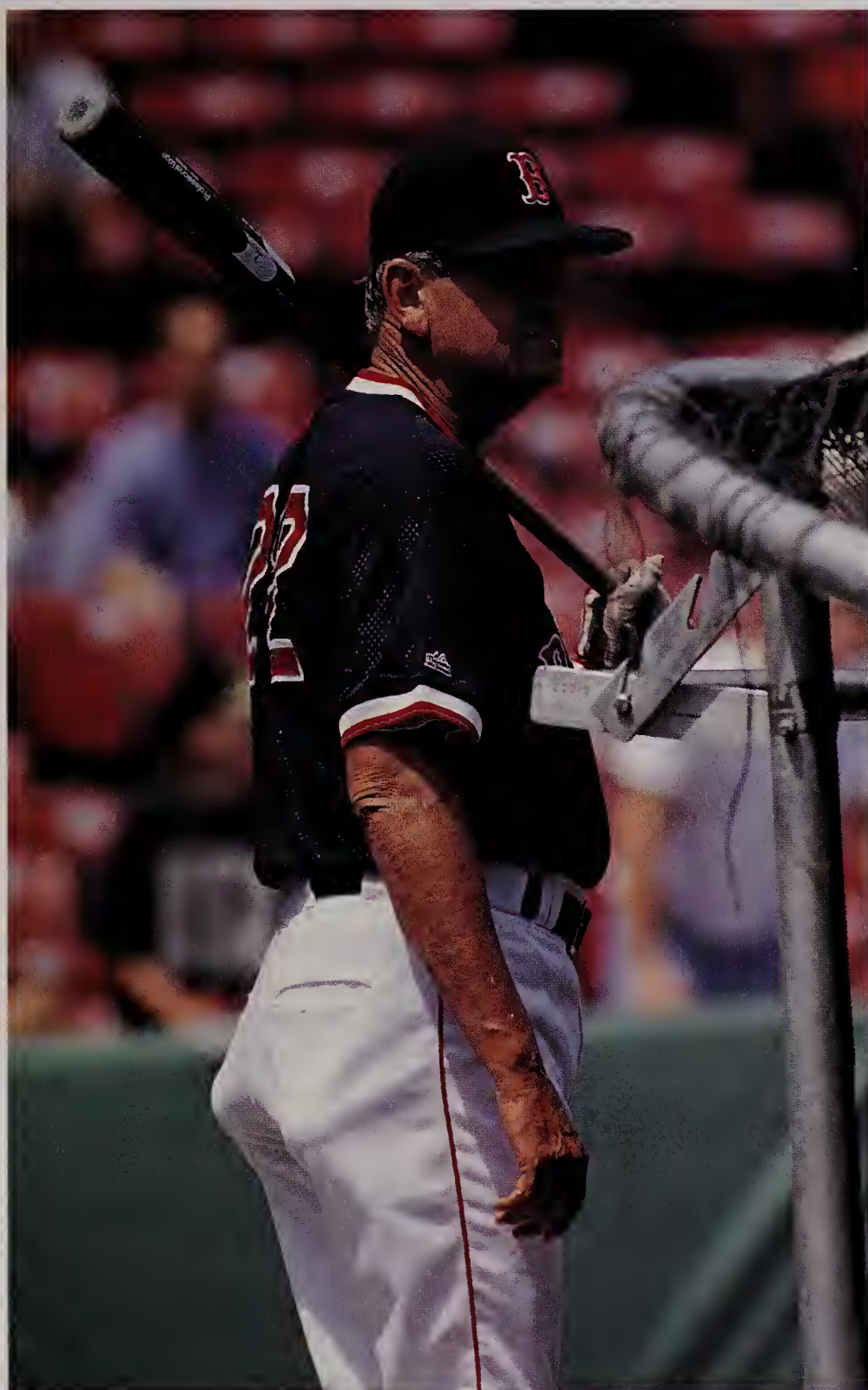
MP: From Toronto to third base coach of a perennial powerhouse in Atlanta to manager of the Red Sox, how has your perspective on managing a major league team changed, or has it essentially stayed the same?

JW: You get a little older and see a lot of players and you see a lot different things. I've been very fortunate to be in a situation in the National League with a team that has gone through a lot of playoffs

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and World Series play. Baseball has been very kind and generous to me and my family. Watching players compete, whether they be on our team or the opposing club, is something I appreciate. The score doesn't indicate how you played. Those players who can

stay away from peaks and valleys and be consistent on a daily basis to me are the players who are a great asset to the game. Bottom line at the major league level, though, is to win. You just want to have the chance to compete in that four-legged race in October. A division championship or wild-card is the first leg, winning the first round is the second leg, winning the League Championship gives you the third. And then there are two teams left, and one of them is going to have that fourth leg to cross the finish line and win the race.



Williams like many who have ridden the baseball ladder of success, has been dedicated to the game for a long time, 31 years to be exact. He has spent the last 22 as a coach or manager. Before helping out Atlanta manager Bobby Cox at third base, Williams spent three-plus seasons in Toronto as skipper of the Blue Jays between 1986 and '89, compiling an impressive 281-241 record (.538 winning percentage), finishing just two games out of first in the Eastern Division in both 1987 and '88.

Except for a once-in-a-lifetime, season-long run by their arch rivals, the New York Yankees, Boston's manager would be grabbing many of the headlines around baseball for transforming an injury-riddled 1997 team into a 1998 post-season contender.

It may appear that Williams is laying low and few are taking notice. But that may all change this November when the American League Manager of the Year is announced.

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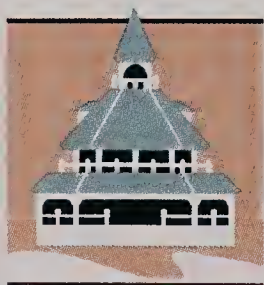
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<u>Manager</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Years</u>
James J. Collins	8	5-3	.625	1903-1904*
J. Garland Stahl	8	4-3-1	.571	1912
William F. Carrigan	10	8-2	.800	1915-1916
Edward G. Barrow	6	4-2	.667	1918
Joseph E. Cronin	7	3-4	.429	1946
Richard H. Williams	7	3-4	.429	1967
Darrell D. Johnson	10	6-4	.600	1975†
John F. McNamara	14	7-7	.500	1986†
Joseph M. Morgan	8	0-8	.000	1988, 1990††
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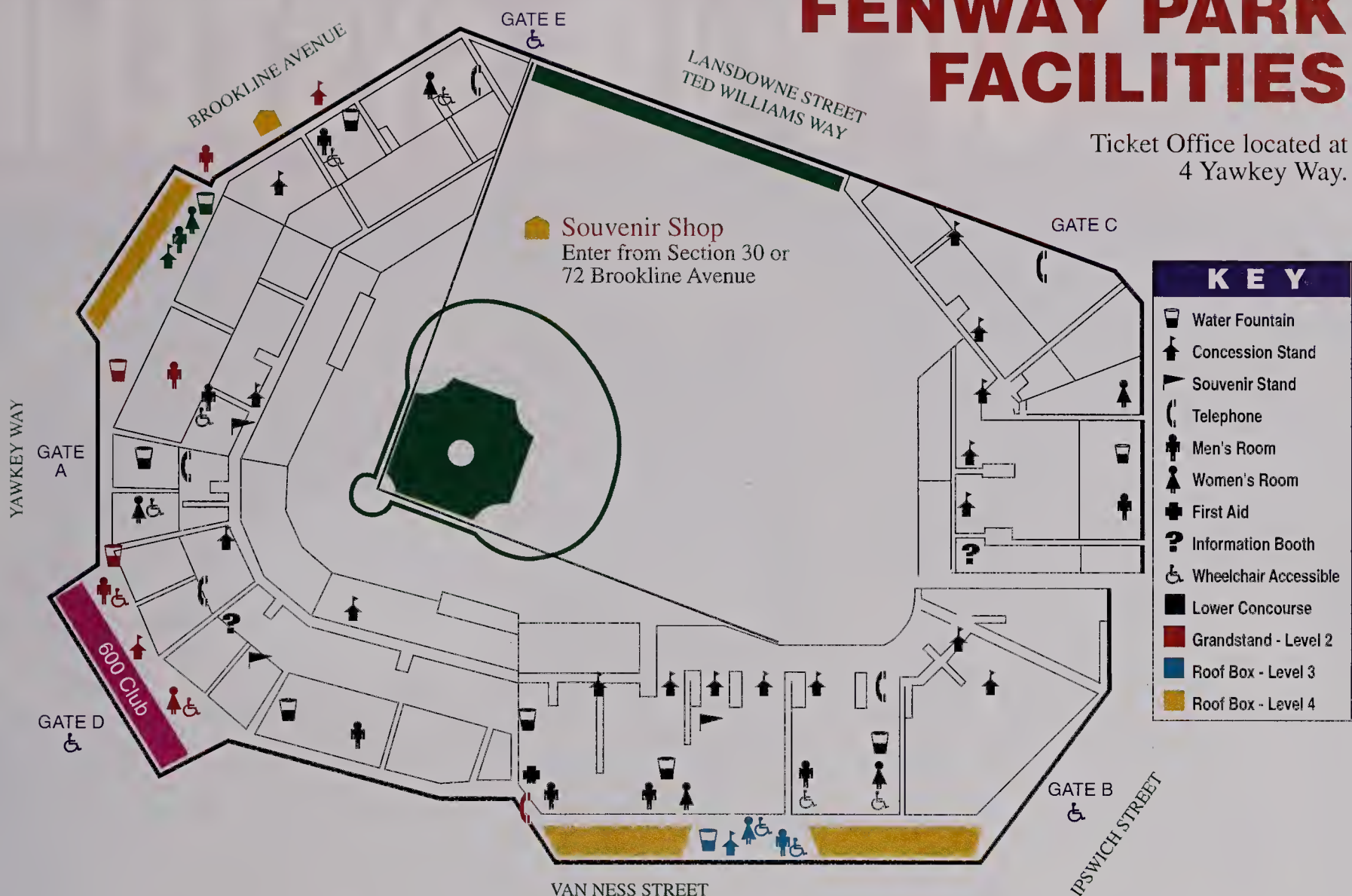


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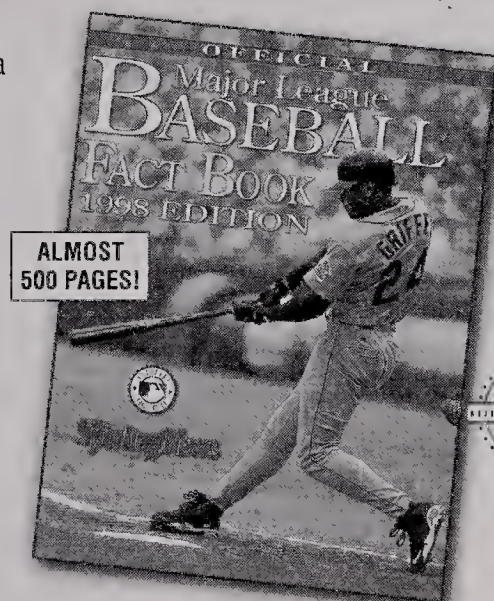
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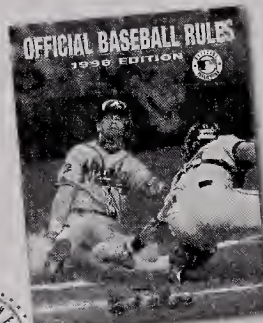
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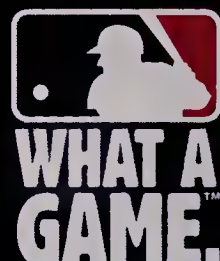
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errant throws.

For a time, it seemed the Red Sox would actually cruise to their post-season berth. Baltimore had faded badly, and the Rangers had failed to make a charge in the A.L. West. The Sox opened a nine-game lead in the wild-card standings, and all appeared rosy until the Blue Jays swept a four-game series in Toronto the first week of September, thrusting themselves into the playoff hunt. If the Sox ever needed a victory, it was on Sept. 7. The task would not be easy. The Yankees were in town, and they'd already won 100 games.

Avery kept Boston in the game with seven strong innings, but the Sox could do nothing against David Wells until the eighth, when doubles by Stanley and Varitek tied the score, 3-3. Valentin's homer into the first row of the center-field bleachers won the game in the eighth.

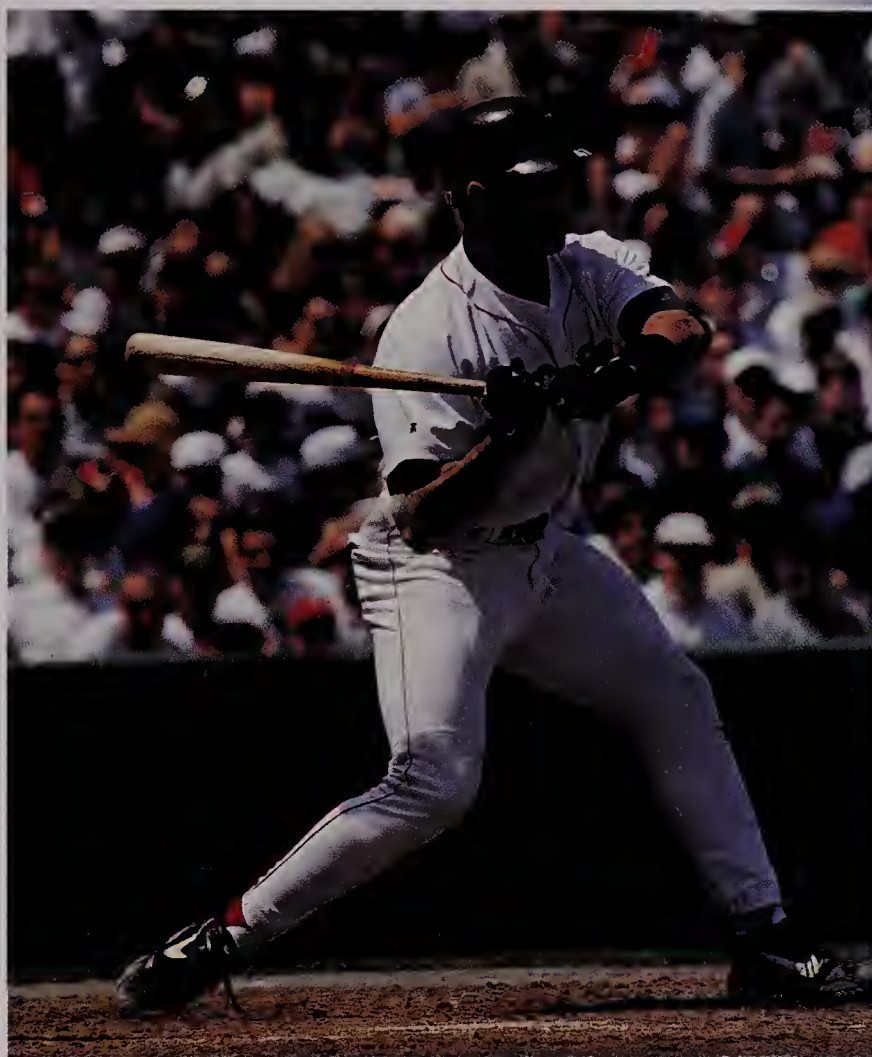
Valentin struggled with his batting average, but produced in the extra-base hit category. His game-winning homer against the Yankees gave him his second 20-homer season, and Valentin was leading the American League in doubles as the season drew to a close. Playing his first full season at third base, Val was nearly flawless on defense in the second half of the season, and went 65 games without an error from July 5 to Sept. 20.

An overall team batting slump contributed to the Red Sox losing five or six games to the Yankees and Tigers. Then on September 15, Varitek slammed two home runs and had five RBI as Wakefield beat the Yankees 9-4 in Yankee Stadium.

The next two nights became exciting wins in Baltimore. First, Saberhagen and four relievers stopped the Orioles 4-3 (Gordon got his 41st save to break Jeff Reardon's club record); and then the next night, a two-out, two-run home run by Sadler in the seventh inning and a Vaughn 10th-inning RBI single produced a big 3-2 win.

On September 21, Saberhagen's 15th win, Gordon's 43rd save and Valentin's 23rd home run stopped Tampa Bay, 4-3, as the Sox closed in on the Wild Card berth.

So many contributed to the Red Sox' success, on the field and off. Pitchers like Lowe, Eckersley, Corsi, Rich Garces and Wasdin kept the Sox in many a game, giving



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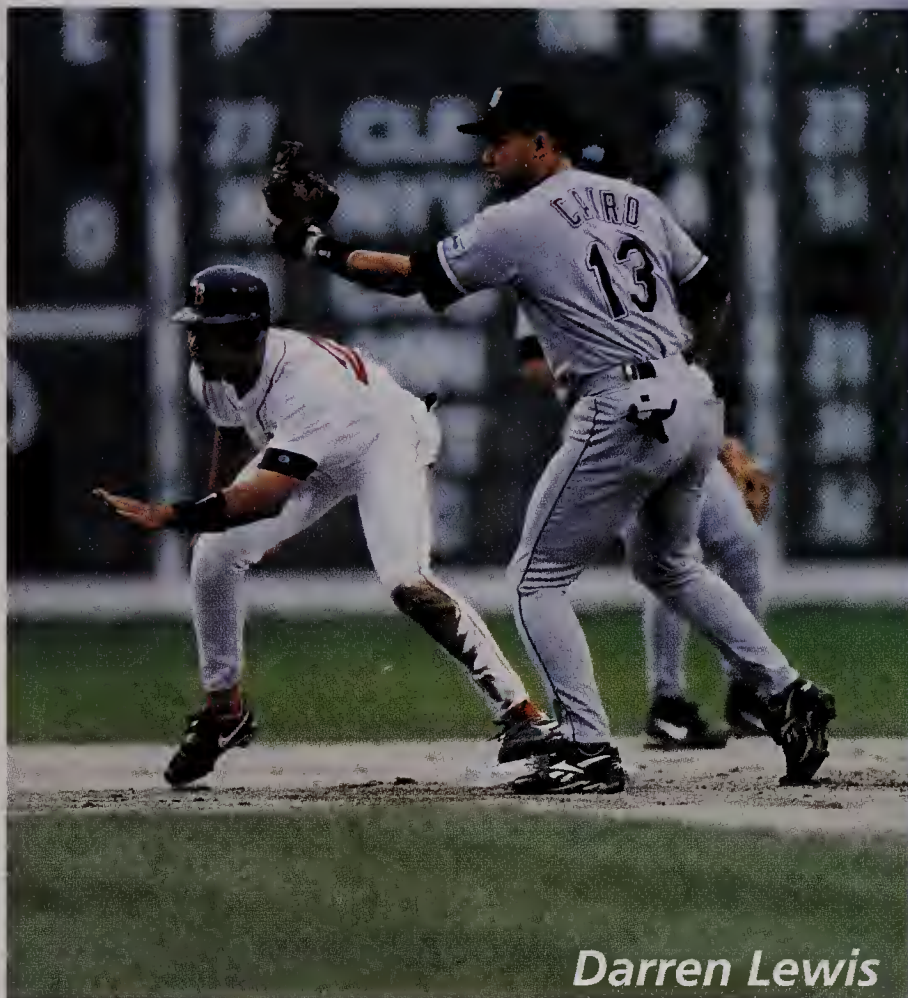


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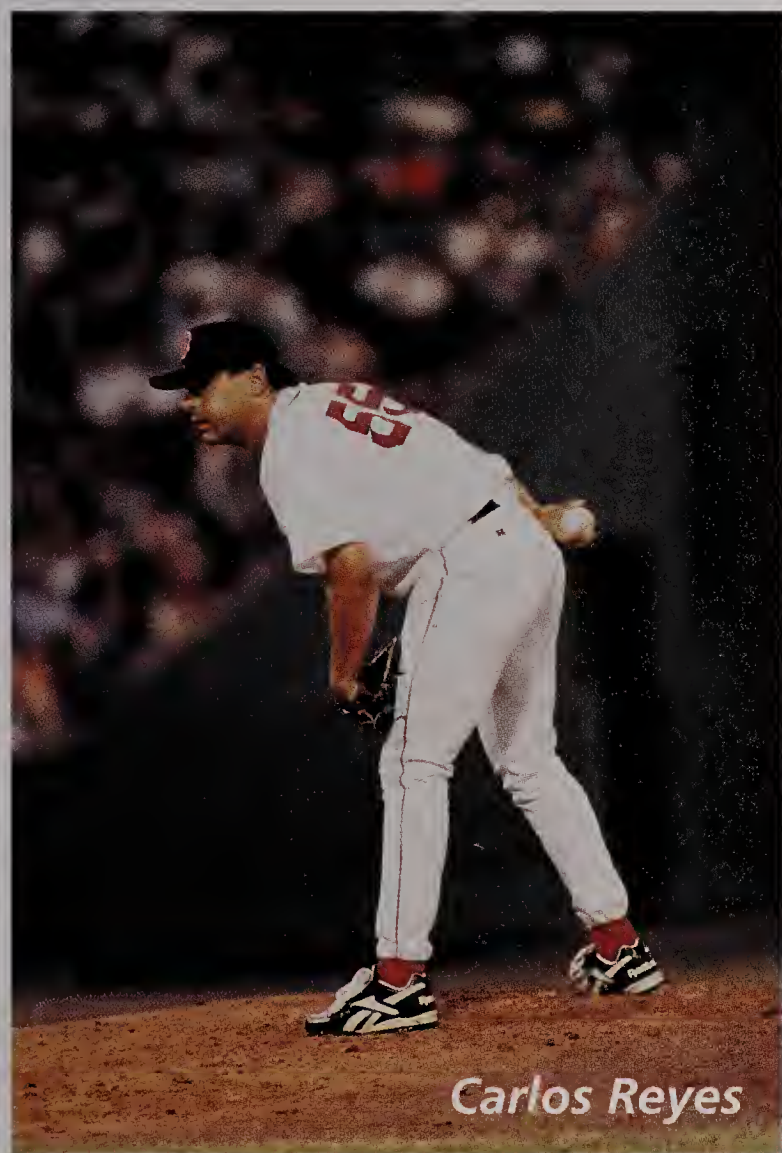
them a chance to pull out late-inning victories. Saberhagen, among others, was quick to point to the training staff, led by Jim Rowe, physical therapist Rich Zawacki and strength and conditioning coordinator B.J. Baker, for keeping him in one piece. Pitching Coach Joe Kerrigan and Hitting Coach Jim Rice put in hours of side work with veterans and rookies alike. And the man on the field behind it all, Jimmy Williams, utilized his players to their maximum capabilities.

That's what it was all about. It took a team effort, the maximizing of talent and the seizing of opportunity to put the 1998 Red Sox in the playoffs. They are a team that is, indeed, back in business.

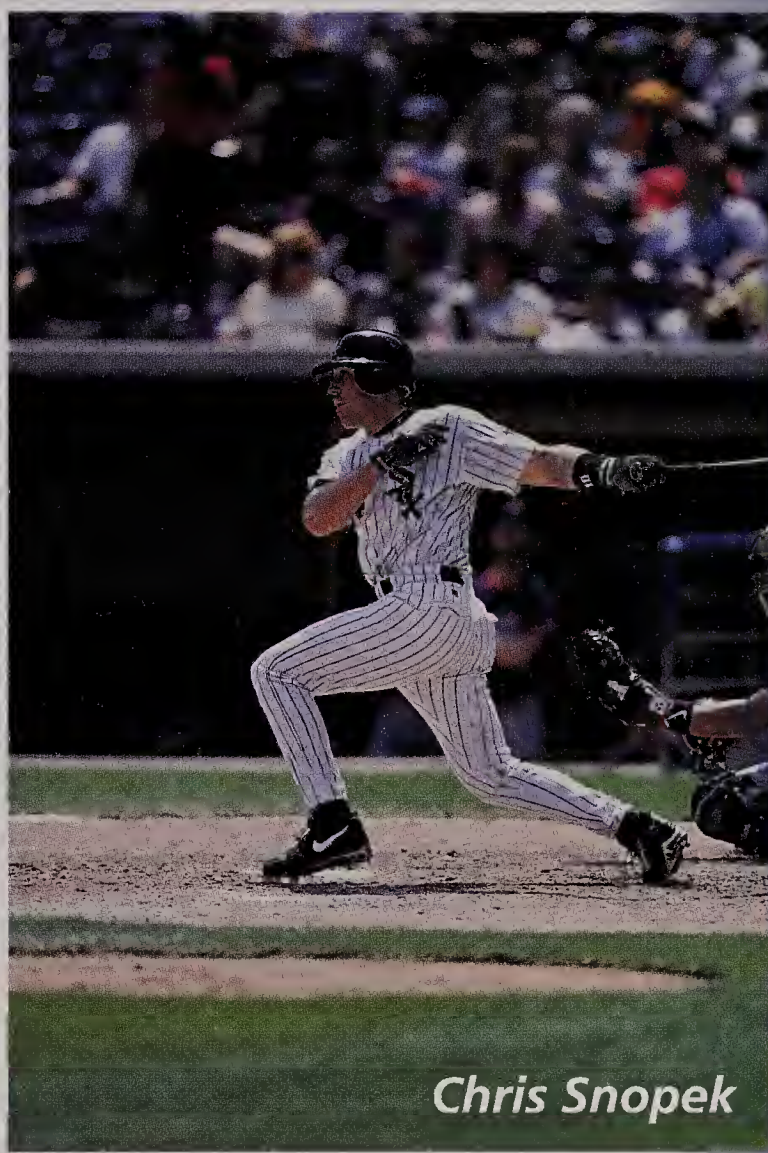
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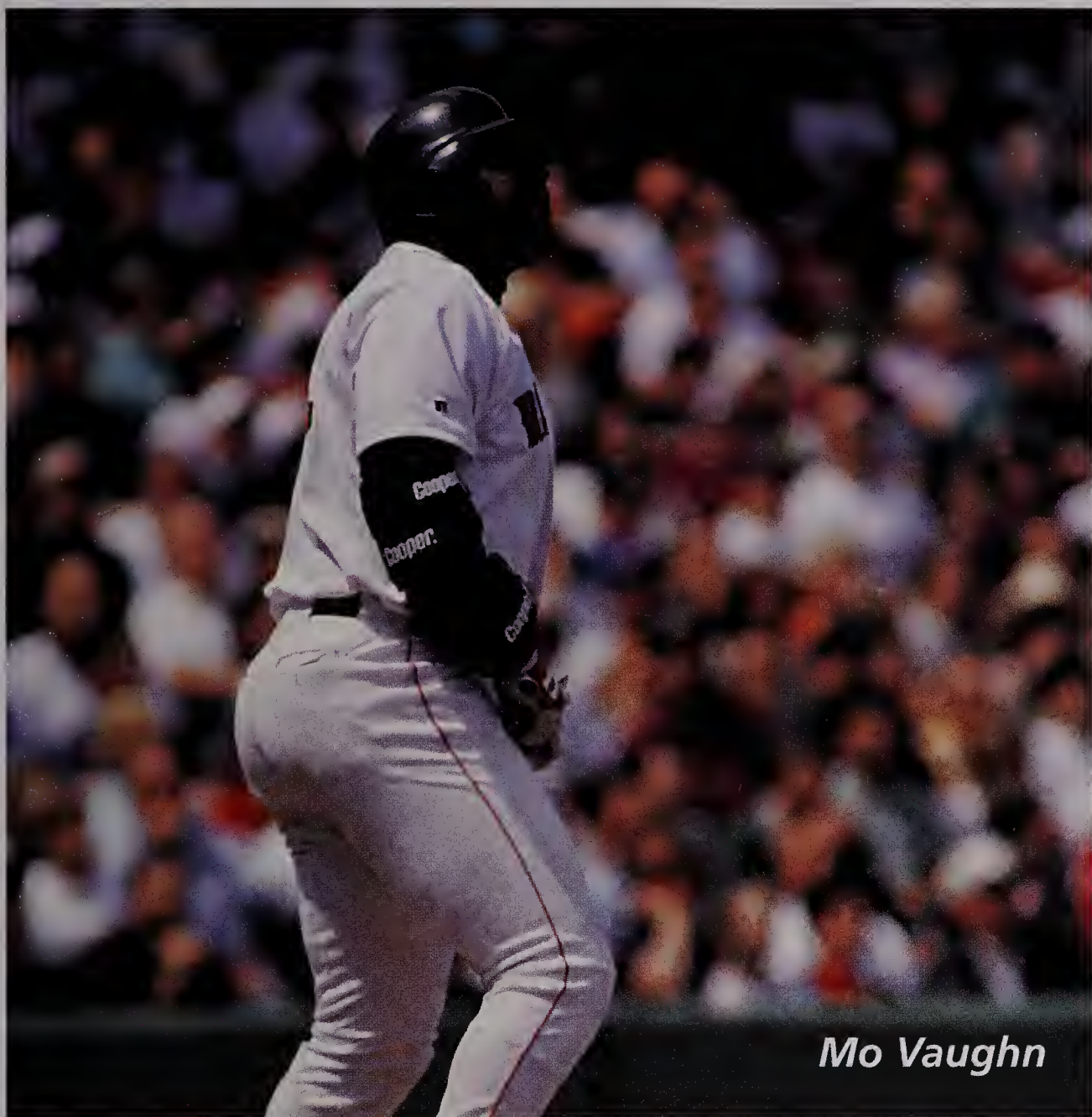
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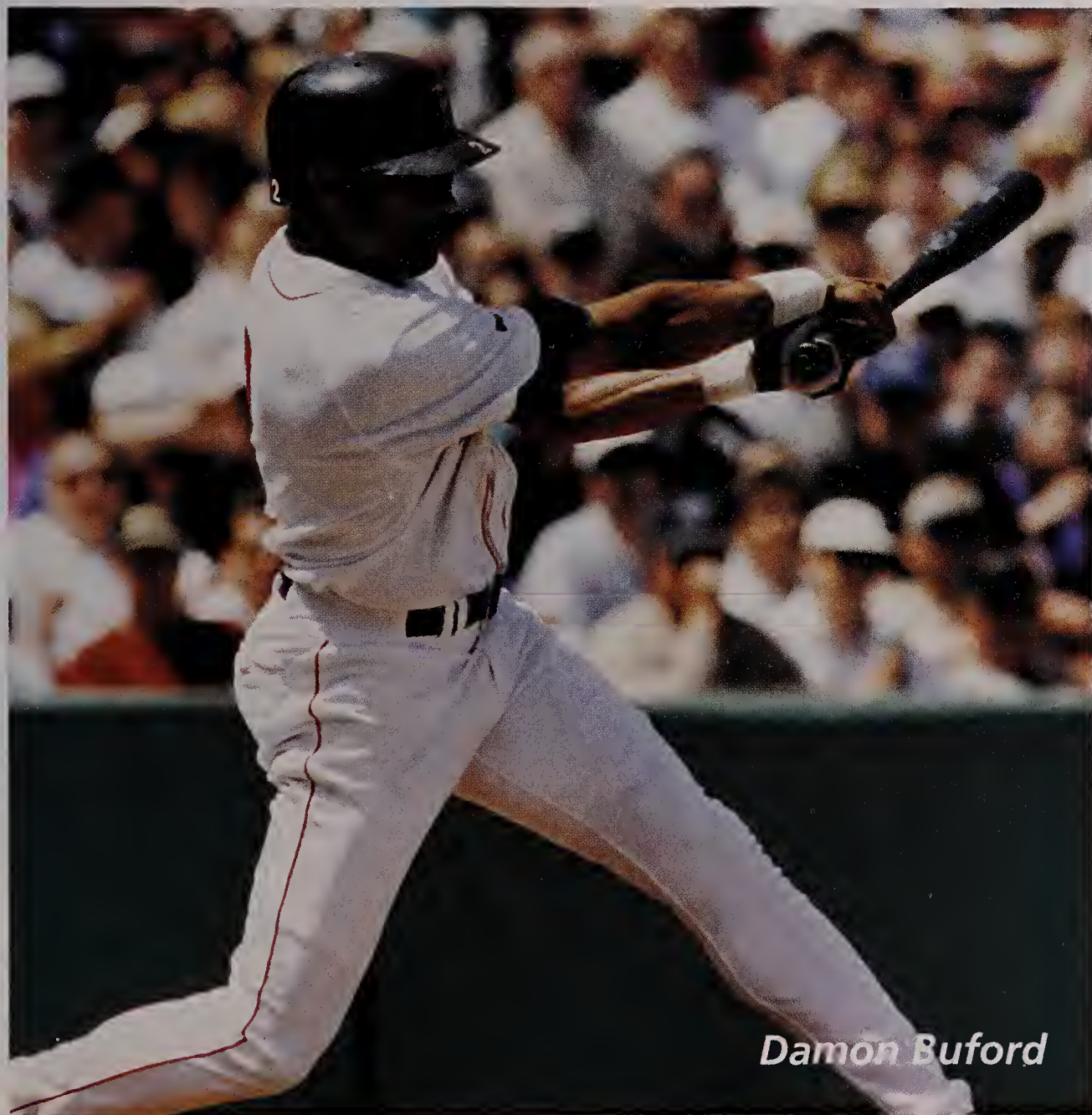


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Player/ Position	Div/LCS/WS	Date	Where/ Opp	Inning/ On Base	Pitcher
P. Dougherty/LF	WS	10-2-03	Bos/Pitts	1st/0	S. Leever
P. Dougherty/LF	WS	10-2-03	Bos/Pitts	6th/0	B. Veil
L. Gardner/3B	WS	10-15-12	Bos/NYG	2nd/0	J. Tesreau
H. Hooper/RF	WS	10-13-15	at Phil	3rd/0	E. Mayer
D. Lewis/LF	WS	10-13-15	at Phil	8th/1	E. Rixey
H. Hooper/RF	WS	10-13-15	at Phil	9th/0	E. Rixey
L. Gardner/3B	WS	10-10-16	at Bklyn	7th/0	J. Coombs
L. Gardner/3B	WS	10-11-16	at Bklyn	2nd/2	R. Marquard
R. York/1B	WS	10-6-46	at St. L	10th/0	H. Pollet
R. York/1B	WS	10-9-46	Bos/St. L	1st/1	M. Dickson
B. Doerr/2B	WS	10-10-46	Bos/St. L	8th/1	G. Munger
L. Culberson/RF	WS	10-11-46	Bos/St. L	6th/0	A. Brazle
J. Santiago/P	WS	10-4-67	Bos/St. L	3rd/0	B. Gibson
C. Yastrzemski/LF	WS	10-5-67	Bos/St. L	4th/0	D. Hughes
C. Yastrzemski/LF	WS	10-5-67	Bos/St. L	7th/2	J. Hoerner
R. Smith/CF	WS	10-7-67	at St. L	7th/0	N. Briles
R. Petrocelli/SS	WS	10-11-67	Bos/St. L	2nd/0	D. Hughes
R. Smith/CF#	WS	10-11-67	Bos/St. L	4th/0	D. Hughes
R. Petrocelli/SS#	WS	10-11-67	Bos/St. L	4th/0	D. Hughes
C. Yastrzemski/LF	WS	10-11-67	Bos/St. L	4th/0	D. Hughes
C. Yastrzemski/LF	LCS	10-5-75	Bos/Oak	4th/1	V. Blue
R. Petrocelli/3B	LCS	10-5-75	Bos/Oak	7th/0	R. Fingers
C. Fisk/C	WS	10-14-75	at Cin	2nd/0	G. Nolan
B. Carbo/PH	WS	10-14-75	at Cin	7th/0	C. Carroll
D. Evans/RF	WS	10-14-75	at Cin	9th/1	R. Eastwick
F. Lynn/CF	WS	10-21-75	Bos/Cin	1st/2	G. Nolan
B. Carbo/PH	WS	10-21-75	Bos/Cin	8th/2	R. Eastwick
C. Fisk/C	WS	10-21-75	Bos/Cin	12th/0	P. Darcy
J. Rice/LF	LCS	10-8-86	Bos/Cal	8th/1	D. Corbett
R. Gedman/C	LCS	10-12-86	at Cal	2nd/1	M. Witt
D. Baylor/DH	LCS	10-12-86	at Cal	9th/1	M. Witt
D. Henderson/CF	LCS	10-12-86	at Cal	9th/1	D. Moore
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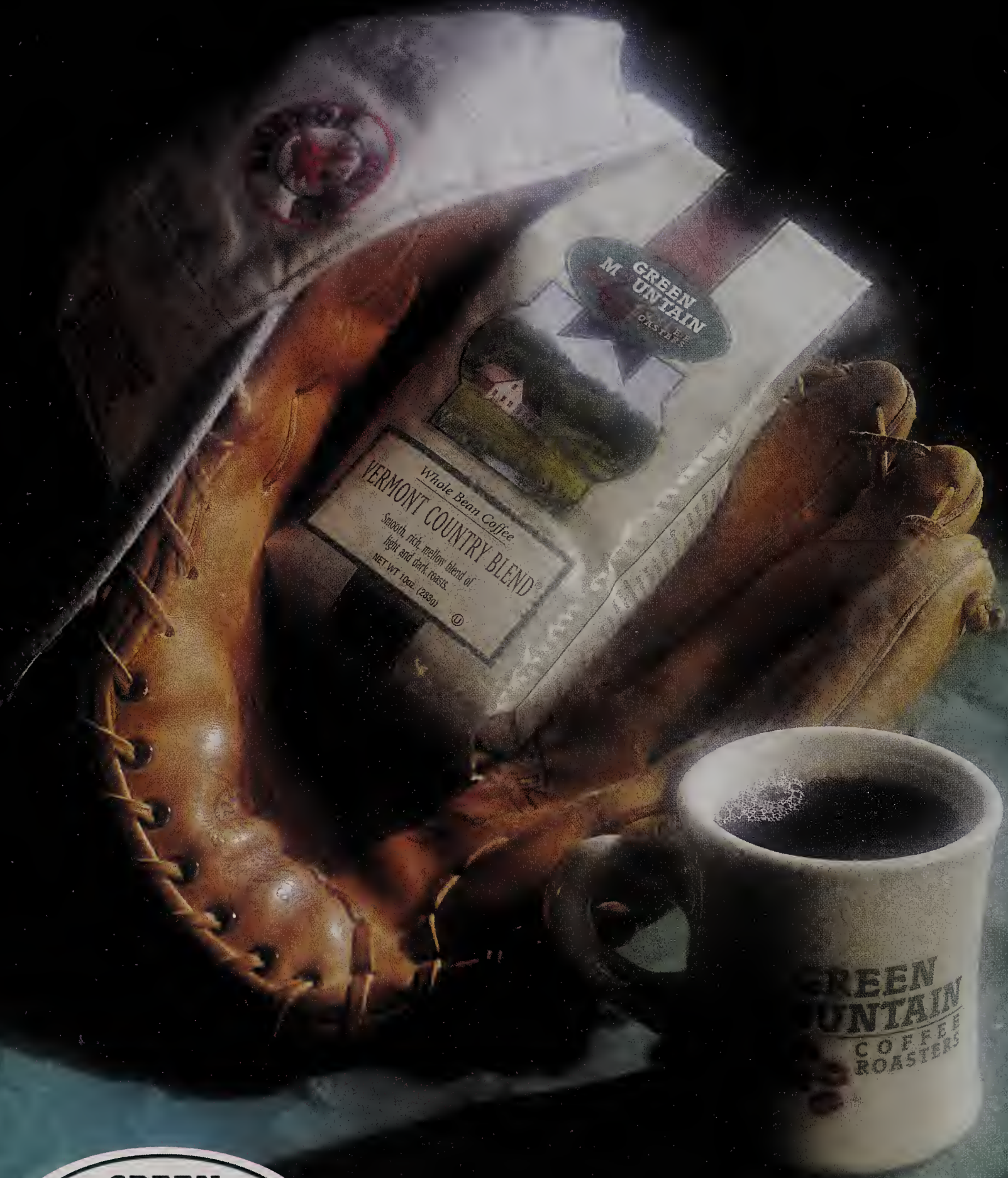
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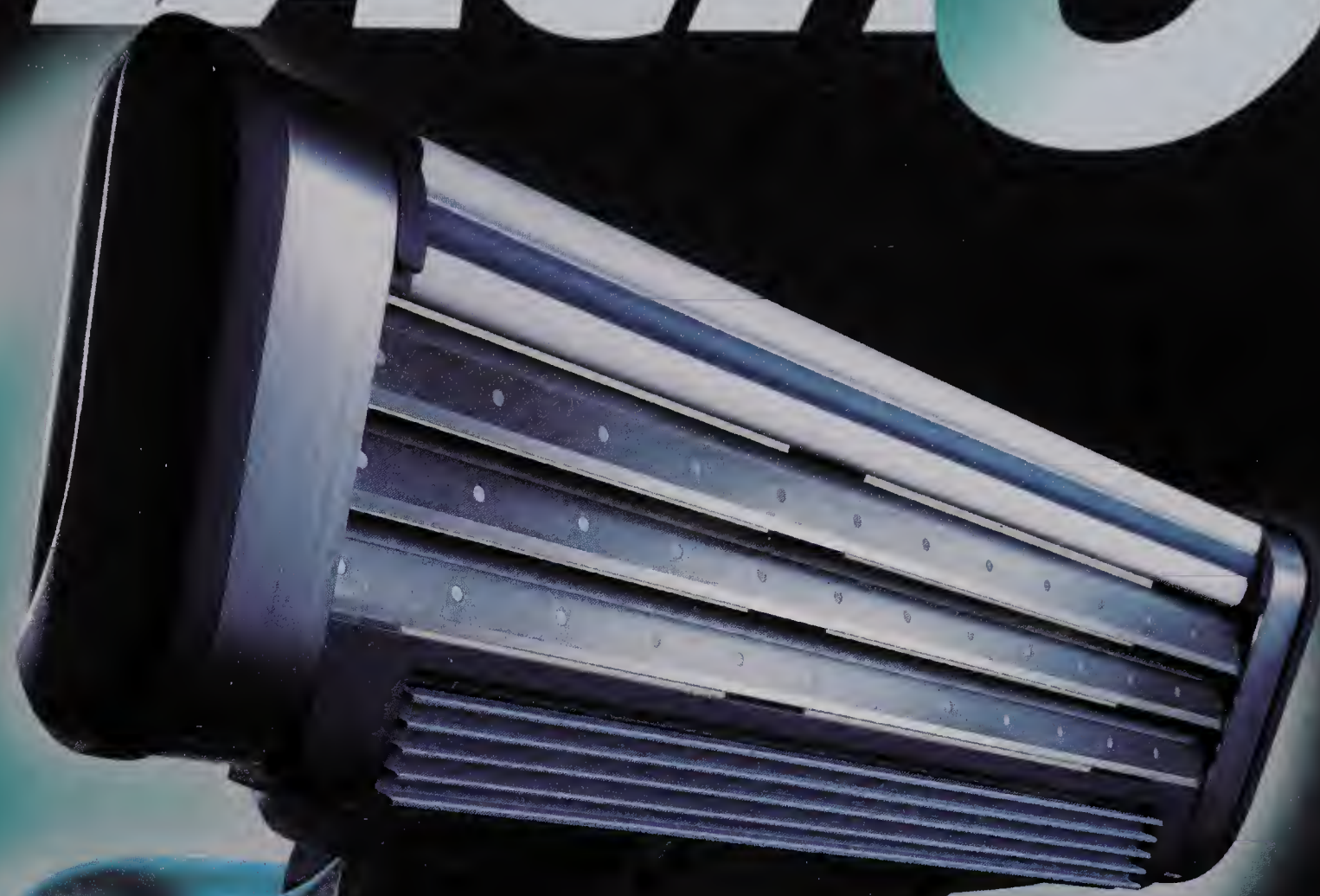


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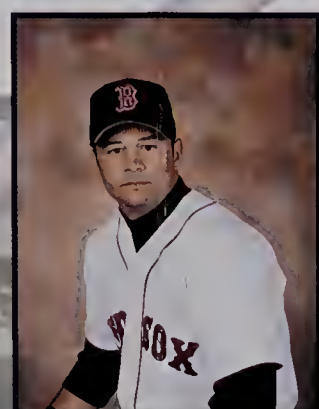
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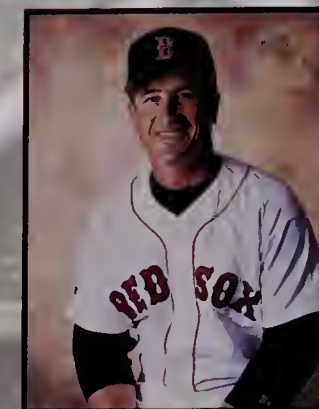
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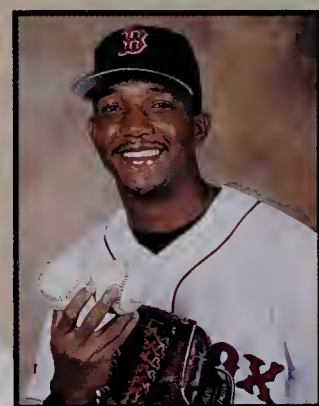
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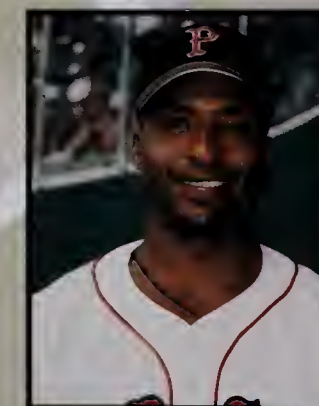
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